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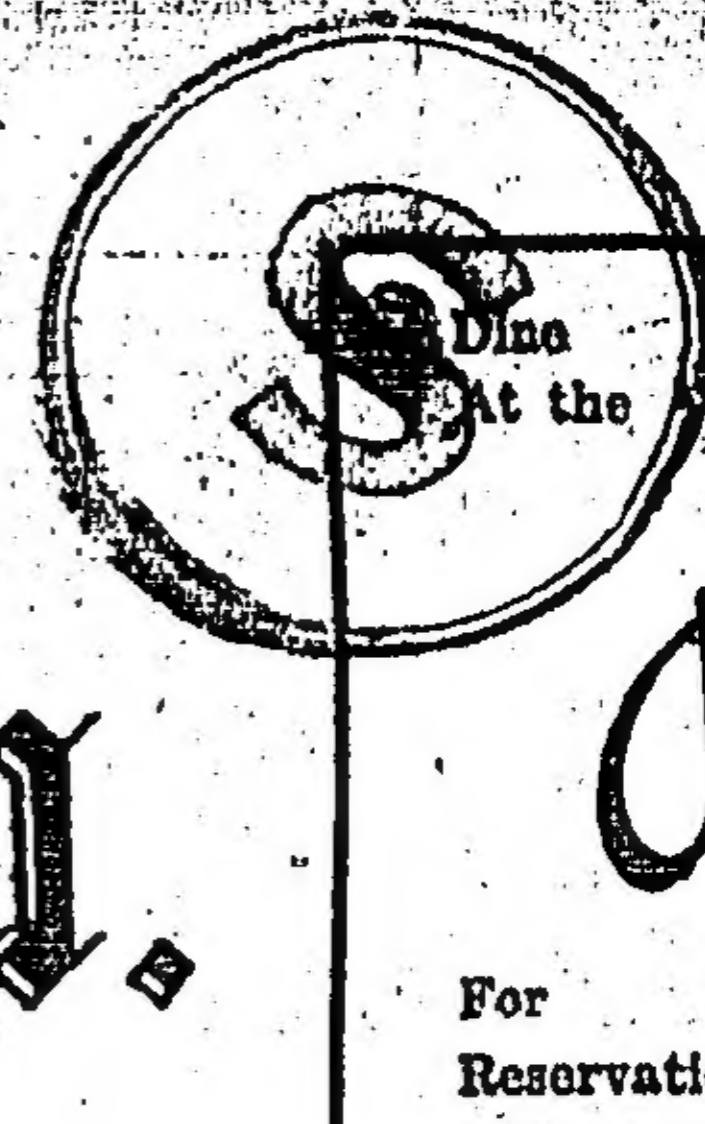
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## Hongkong People Adrift In Heavy Typhoon Sea

### FATE OF THE MATTI FAMILY STILL UNKNOWN

#### MV Kina Hit By Gale, Smashes On Rocks

THE FATE OF NINE HONGKONG PASSENGERS ABOARD THE 13,000-TON MOTOR VESSEL KINA, DRIVEN AGROUND AND SMASHED ON CAMANDAG ISLAND BETWEEN SAMAR AND MASBATE DURING A TYPHOON ON THURSDAY NIGHT IS STILL UNKNOWN.

Among the missing passengers from Hongkong are Gerold Matti (former manager of the Peninsula Hotel), his wife and two sons; Mr P. R. Pederson (manager of the Hongkong branch Great Northern Telegraph Co.), his wife and 11-year-old daughter; Commander Pomerantz of Messrs Anderson and Ash.

Forty-nine crew and 14 passengers were cast adrift in lifeboats and on rafts in a heavy typhoon sea. A message received late last night by the East Asiatic Company said that one lifeboat containing four members of the crew had been picked up.

Searching planes and ships from Manila have not sighted any of the other lifeboats which may have sunk, drowning 45 men, three women and a three-year-old child.

#### OIL PATCH SPOTTED

The first SOS messages were picked up by the Butterfield and Swire ship, Szechuen, and the American vessel, Pioneer Sea, at 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Two American planes, one from Manila and one from Cebu, started searching the area early Friday morning. No signs of the ship could be found but a large oil patch was seen just off Camandag.

Salvage tugs were unable to brave the treacherous seas until late yesterday when four left Cebu and Iloilo to search for survivors.

The four crew members were picked up by the Norwegian vessel, Samuel Bakke, from whom a garbled message was received last night saying that there were thought to be other survivors.

It is known that the passengers and crew stayed aboard the ship for three hours before they were forced to abandon.

The Kina was one of the largest and most powerful vessels of the

East Asiatic Company. Built in 1939, she was able to attain 18 knots, with full cargo and passengers. She was commanded by Capt. A. V. Hjertum, one of the most experienced Danish Captains.

The typhoon "Jean" is reported to be one of the worst in history. Carrying 120 mph winds, she moved across the Philippines at 15 miles per hour.

An SOS message was received from the Tigre, a Barber Wilhelmsen ship, that she had run aground in the typhoon at Tobago, in the San Bernardino Straits. No other messages have yet been received from the Tigre.

A third ship from Manila is also reported to be in distress in the same area.

#### GALE DRIVEN FIRE

Manila, Dec. 26.—A savage typhoon swept the Philippines today, leaving at least 66 persons dead or unaccounted for—46 of them from the Danish motorship Kina, which sank off Samar.

Five other ships were damaged, 70 percent of the historic city of Tacloban was reported wiped out by a storm-whipped fire, and portions of Manila were hard hit.

The latest official death toll in Manila and nearby Quezon City was five, and Red Cross reported five persons missing in Laguna province. —Associated Press.

### Nine Seamen Lose Lives In Shipwreck

Helsinki, Dec. 25.—Nine American merchant seamen lost their lives in a Christmas Eve shipwreck when the freighter, Victory Park, went aground and broke in two in a blinding snowstorm off the coast of Finland, the authorities announced today.

Seven men were swept away by mountainous seas that shattered the ship and nearly swamped her lifeboats. Two others died, one from freezing and the other from drowning. Thirty-one crewmen were rescued by soldiers from the Uto fortress, near Abo.

Captain Allen Zepp, the last to leave the sinking ship, was among those rescued. Zepp declined to give the names of the victims until they had been reported to the authorities in the United States.

#### Anchor Fails To Hold

Zepp said he ordered the anchor to be lowered at 10.15 p.m. when the snowstorm reduced visibility to a bare 10 yards. The anchor could not hold on the rocky bottom and after an hour-and-a-half battle with heavy seas, the ship smashed aground and broke up.

While radio men tapped out distress calls, Zepp ordered the crew into the Victory Park's four lifeboats. The raging sea swiftly filled the boats, making it virtually impossible to row or steer, and the men could only signal for help with their flashlights. —United Press.

### HOLY LAND FIGHTING

#### Sniping, Ambushing

Jerusalem, Dec. 26.—A Jewish Agency official and 12 other Jews died today with one Arab and two British civilians in the Holy Land's sniping war.

Snipers concealed on top rocky hills near Jerusalem, along the road to Tel Aviv, killed Hans Beith, acting director of the Jewish Youth Aliyah. Two more Jews were killed and six wounded in the attack on a convoy.

An Arab ambush of a Jewish bus killed four and wounded seven. Snipers' bullets also killed a three-year-old Jewish girl in her crib and a 70-year-old woman.

The other deaths, which occurred at several points, brought to 303 the total of Palestine fatalities since partition was voted by the United Nations. —Associated Press.

#### HAIFA STREET BATTLE

Jerusalem, Dec. 26.—Thirty-three Jews and Arabs were killed or wounded in a street battle in Haifa that flared up intermittently from yesterday until today, an official communiqué reported, as several important Jewish leaders miraculously escaped death or injury when their motorcade was ambushed by Arabs.

The communiqué said that in fighting on Iraq Street in Haifa five Arabs and three Jews were killed and 11 Arabs and 14 Jews wounded. —United Press.

### Fire Destroys Sixteen Flats

Four buildings consisting of four flats were burned to the ground when fire broke out in No. 213 Hollywood Road about 10 p.m. on Friday.

Fire appliances from East, West and Central were rushed to the scene to find the fire already spreading across the road to adjoining houses Nos. 211, 215, 217. Hawkers' stalls across the road also caught fire but the flames were extinguished soon after by the fire brigade. Fire also spread along roads flanked by a fairly strong wind.

Six persons were admitted to hospital, one since being reported dead. PWD workers spent several hours looking for bodies amongst the debris.

The cause of fire is still not known. It is believed that it may have started in the Shu Fat Yuan joss-papers shop situated in the ground floor of one of the burnt houses.

#### European Injured

Mr. R. E. H. Nelson, of 100, Waterloo Road, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from concussion and injuries to a leg sustained as a result of a traffic accident occurred on Christmas Day.

Mr. Nelson's wife and daughter, who were passengers, sustained minor injuries, but were not detained for medical treatment.

### Gold Seizure On Van Heutz

The Dutch steamer Van Heutz arrived in Hongkong from Swatow on Christmas Day and Revenue Officers promptly seized an estimated HK\$500,000 worth of illegally imported gold on board.

The cargo of gold, consisting of bars and coins, was concealed in a compartment in one of the passenger cabins. The Chinese occupant of the cabin was arrested.

The gold was all ready to be taken ashore. It was contained in five specially constructed waistcoats designed to be worn under the wearer's outer clothing. Three of the waistcoats were discovered in the compartment and two were found under the mattress. —United Press.

### THREAT OF NEW HARTAL IN MALAYA

Singapore, Dec. 26.—The President of the Malayan Council for Joint Action, which comprise Leftwing parties and the Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, today proposed a hartal (general strike) throughout Malaya on February 1, 1948, in protest against the new constitution for the Malayan Federation which comes into force on that day.

The President, Mr. Tan Chen-lock, is also President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Malacca. The first hartal called by the Council for Joint Action and the Chinese Chambers of Commerce on October 20, in protest against the new constitution, paralyzed Malaya for the day.

The Chinese are dissatisfied with the representation proposals for the new legislature, the qualifications for citizenship, and the exclusion of Singapore from the Federation.

#### COUNCIL'S DEMANDS

The Council demands immediate and full self-government with no reserved powers for the High Commissioner, who is to replace the Governor of the Malayan Union.

The recent action of the Governor in overriding the advice of the Advisory Council and using special powers to introduce the income tax has increased Chinese and Malay distrust of the assurance that the High Commissioner's reserved powers will seldom be exercised.

A meeting of Chinese organizations in Malacca in August declared: "The new constitution is based on the former discredited policy of divide and rule and is aimed at dividing the population into antagonistic groups of Malaysians and non-Malaysians."

It suggested that the constitution should be framed either by a popularly elected Assembly or by a Royal Commission after hearing the views of the general public. —Reuter.

#### Woman Badly Hurt

A Chinese woman received serious injuries as a result of a traffic accident which occurred in Shanghai Street on Christmas Day.

Following the mishap, a lorry driver, Wen Tak-che, was arrested and charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon on Friday with driving without due care and attention.

According to Inspector Brown, of the Traffic Office, Wen was driving his lorry along Shanghai Street towards Tsimshatsui when the woman walked into his vehicle and was hit by the body of the lorry just behind the driver's cabin.

Inspector Brown added that witnesses informed the police that defendant did not sound his horn nor did he apply the brakes just prior to the accident. The street, he said, was very crowded and there were many pedestrians on the road than on the pavement.

The defendant, contended Inspector Brown, should have exercised more care while driving through a busy thoroughfare, though the woman herself contributed a major part to the accident.

Admitting the charge, Wen was fined \$500.

#### Goh How-sang, aged 32, male passenger on board the ss Van Heutz died on Thursday afternoon. He had no relatives in Hongkong and was travelling from Swatow to Singapore, according to a Police report.

### HOLIDAY SPORT IN FULL BURNLEY CONCEDE 3 GOALS & LOSE Arsenal Strengthen Their Position

London, Dec. 26.—For the first time since league football was resumed after the war, Burnley have conceded more than two goals in one match. Preston's 3-2 win on Burnley was their first away defeat of the season and ended their unbeaten run which has lasted since September 27.

Ironically, a former Burnley man played a leading part in Preston's success. He was Jackson, who played a big part in the two goals scored by McLaren and also netted himself.

Burnley's reverse strengthens Arsenal's position at the top of the table. Apart from their two points lead they now have a match in hand. Attendances in virtually all the 24 matches played today were larger than usual with over 200,000 watching four First Division games.

Of the 12 sides which played on both Christmas and Boxing days, only two secured full points.—Coventry and Hull.

London, Dec. 26.—The following were the results of football matches played on Christmas Day:

First Division			
Blackburn R.	3	Derby County	4
Blackpool	1	Stokes City	2
Barnley	1	Preston N.	0
Charlton Ath.	1	Middlesbrough	0
Grimsby Town	0	Cheltenham	0
Liverpool	1	Arsenal	3
Manchester U.	3	Portsmouth	2
Sheffield U.	2	Bolton W.	1
Sunderland	2	Everton	0
Second Division			
Brentford	2	Leicester City	2
Coventry City	3	Barnsley	2
Fulham	1	Plymouth A.	1
Millwall	0	Birmingham C.	0
Tottenham	3	Chesterfield	0
Third Division—Southern			
Crystal Palace	1	Northampton	0
Newport C.	2	Ipwich Town	0
Portsmouth	3	Brighton & H.	0
Walsall	3	Aldershot	0
Third Division—Northern			
Bradford City	4	Sheff. Wed.	0
Crewe Alexandra	2	Oldham Athletic	0
Darlington	1	Tottenham	1
Gateshead	2	Hartlepool Utd.	1
Hull City	1	Barnsley	0
Lincoln City	2	Accrington St.	2
Southport	1	Fulham	1
Stockport County	1	New Brighton	2
Scottish League Division "A"			
Celtic	4	Hearts	2
Dundee	2	Rangers	3
Libertyans	2	Aberdeen	2
Scottish League Division "B"			
Alton Athl.	3	Hamilton	3
Cowdenbeath	0	Stenhouse Muir	3
BOXING DAY			
First Division			
Aston Villa	1	Wolverhampton	2
Everton	3	Sunderland	2
Manchester City	1	Huddersfield T.	1
Preston N.E.	3	Burnley	1
Second Division			
Barnsley	0	Coventry City	1
Bradford	1	Southampton	3
Cardiff City	2	Bury	2
Doncaster R.	2	Notts. Forest	0

### Portugal Wins

(BY SEE TEE)  
Portugal beat England 6-4 in their first round match of the International Charity Cup Competition at Sookkumpoo yesterday afternoon. It was a fast, exciting, ninety minutes game, with Portugal showing the better team, mainly from their left wing. It was Xavier, however, who took the score to 3-1 for Portugal and two minutes later they went further ahead, through Gomes.

#### TYPICAL GOAL

England reduced their arrears with a typical Kiernan goal and a spot kick, point from Forrow. Pereira and Pacheco put the issue beyond all doubt before the end, although Kiernan scored the tenth goal of the match in the last minute.

Outstanding for Portugal were B. Gosano (left back) and Pacheco (outside left). For England Forrow was always prominent in defence, while Kiernan occasionally hit his top note. The English attack, however, was overshadowed by the lively Portuguese quirkette and was given very little scope by a quick-tackling defence.

#### ONE DAY LATE

Southampton, Dec. 26.—One thousand British soldiers who arrived here one day late for Christmas from Burma, Malaya and Hongkong, were served tea in bed by their officers and issued with a special ration of beer on Christmas Day.

The Dutch crew of the liner Tabinta produced for the men a typically English dinner of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding to make up for the absence of the family Christmas dinner. —Reuter.

#### RICHARDSON 107 NOT OUT

In the two-day Quadrangular match started yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club, Club scored 220 against the Army. Feature of the day was J. E. Richardson's 107 not out. Lieut. Stepto bowled well for the Army, taking six wickets, including a hat-trick. At the close Army had scored 115 for 3. —Reuter.

### He Chose The Wrong Man

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—The police said today that a "slight mistake" in identification prevented Chester Winkler, 47, from hiring a gangster to kill his wife.

The police said he offered to pay \$3,000 for the job but made the offer to the wrong man.

The "gangster" he selected was a Police Detective James Ogden.

Winkler is held on an open charge.

Ogden said the police learned Winkler contacted several "members of the underworld" and arranged a rendezvous at his hotel. Ogden walked into the lobby and Winkler mistook him for one of the gangsters.

Winkler then revealed a plan to kill his estranged wife because "just had to get rid of her." —United Press.

### EDITORIAL

#### Britain's Difficult Year

WITH a new and let it be hoped a more promising year only a few days ahead it is timely to sum up Britain's economic experiences during a most difficult 12 months. For Britain 1947 in some ways opened well. But factors beyond human prevention and control in Britain quickly altered the situation for the worse. Considerable and vital ground was quickly lost and not recovered until more than half the year had passed. Background factors to 1947 were the continuing ones from 1945 and 1946 of reconversion from an all-out war economy; rebuilding of war devastated productive assets and overhauling six years of repairs and renewals; demobilisation of the fighting forces; and in addition to trying to meet a staggering accumulation of home needs, expanding exports by 75 per cent. in volume over previous in order to get within sight of balancing overseas payments. In the early days of January the picture, though severe did not look too desperate. The year 1946 had finished with production and exports rising, and a deficit on the overseas account of £400,000,000 as against an estimate of £750,000,000 and an actual deficit of £275,000,000 in 1945. Moreover on the then known facts and possibilities it was reckoned that the overseas deficit for 1947 would fall to £250,000,000 and that the United States and Canadian loans would be more than enough to finance trade deficits for some way ahead. Then in a few weeks, the coldest weather for many years heralded in the fuel crisis, which was followed by more cold weather and finally by devastating floods. That these aids, uncontrollable by man, might have been foreseen is admitted, but even if they had been fully expected not much could have been done to mitigate their effects owing to the simple fact that most of

Britain's reserves had been expended in the war and there had been insufficient time to restore them to even a fraction of minimum needs. At the same time other difficulties mostly extraneous were blowing up. The most serious was the unrelenting intensification of world price rise which had started in 1946 and was most noticeable in the United States. This meant an additional burden on production and a serious deterioration of financial reserves. In July, for instance, it was estimated that the value of the United States loan had depreciated by 28 per cent. since it was contracted. At the same time it was reckoned that while the unit cost of British imports was two and three-quarter times that of 1938 receipts from exports were only two and a quarter higher.

The rapid shrinkage in the United States loan left no option but to prune overseas purchases and intensify exports. First in June, then in August and finally in November, drastic import cuts were announced. In September the Government issued a revised and practical export programme, setting targets of 140 per cent. and 100 per cent. of the 1938 volume to be reached by the end of June and the end of December 1948 respectively. Import cuts and export increases, however, all need time to be effective—and so sales of gold and advances from the International Monetary Fund were necessary in the meantime and in December the balance of the American loan was unfrozen. These things emphasised that the task of restoring Britain's economy was much greater than had been appreciated, particularly abroad. Furthermore, they demonstrated that until Britain, together with all the other countries in a similar position, can balance international accounts there is no great hope of worldwide multilateral trade.

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# BRITAIN MAKES THE WORLD A STAGE

by Harold A. Albert

FILMS, like everything else, have their phases. Time was when filmmakers were content to reconstruct deserts and jungles in the studio; today the camera is rapidly escaping from such padded artifice. British pictures are making the whole world a sound stage.

The Overlanders had scarcely reached the screen, when cameramen were off to Australia again for the gold-rush, thrills of Eureka Stockade. Hardly had Men of Two Worlds revealed the inherent drama of real Africa than Derek Twist sailed a crew of technicians 1,000 miles up the Amazon to make End of the River. From this exploit has come a film, played by natives of Brazil's little-explored hinterland, that gives audiences a unique and thrilling experience.

## Crash In Alps

So much for the 'trend'. As I write, Sydney Box's cameramen have been in Switzerland taking shots on the 12,000-foot Wetterhorn for Rescue, a film based on the dramatic Eureka crash in the Alps. After shooting much of The Captive Heart in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany, Ealing Studios have had a production crew in Brussels and the Ardennes for Against the Wind, a film dealing with the Belgian

underground movement. A Laundress and Gilliat team are in the Fijis, shooting backgrounds for The Blue Lagoon.

The world is a film oyster, in fact. This summer there was even a unit in the Antarctic, filming the Great Ice Barrier for Scott of the Antarctic. Yet you never can tell. When filmmakers see Captain Scott's ship cutting its way through the fies, it will be authentic South Polar ice. Imperceptibly merging into the screen story, however, (to save the cast a tedious 10,000-mile journey) other scenes will be shot on the Arctic fringe of Scandinavia, and not a few apparently sub-zero shots will certainly be taken in Britain. Though the speed-up in air travel opens ever smoother facilities for transporting units around the globe, locations in the British Isles can still provide some astonishingly foreign atmosphere.

A typical example was Francois Rosay's first British picture, Johnny Frenchman. The film told the story of the grim, sometimes bitter, struggle between Cornish and Breton fishermen to win the harvests of the English Channel. The little hillside village of Mowaglessey was chosen for the picture as a characteristic Cornish town. But when scenes were needed of a Breton fishing village the cameras turned on the same picturesque, jumbled cottages, from another angle—and still went on filming.

Mevaglissey! The effect was convincing. Similarly shots of civilians being machine-gunned on the roads of France had all the clarity and realism of a now-a-days. Few filmmakers realised that the shawled and smocked peasants who scrambled into ditches were the same native Mevaglessey folk who enacted their own lives in later sequences.

In Beware of Pity, the Stefan Zweig story demanded the atmosphere of the Moravian Slovakian border as it was when garriaged by Austro-Hungarian troops in 1914. Securing Britain for such a setting, the scenic experts decided on Cheddar Gorge. At first sight that limestone canyon in the Mendips seemed hardly to possess the requisite Balkan flavour. Nevertheless, it proved the happiest choice. It needed only a few window-shutters on local buildings, some plaster columns and stony pieces of ornamental ironwork, and Cheddar was Moravia. With the single addition of a Hungarian sign, a cottage garden became a beer-garden. The result has since deceived audiences in Budapest.

## Rain or Shine

But English filmmakers see nothing remarkable in utilising, say, Shore-ditch, London, for the convincing Irish street scenes of Odd Man Out; or transforming lush Irish meadows into the field of Agincourt for Henry V. From the tourist standpoint the British Isles have always been famed for possessing the qualities—and the beauties—of every country in miniature, and recent films have more than proved this contention.

Thus, rain or shine, the Welsh sand-dunes became the African desert of Nine Men and North Wales supplied the Spanish settings for Stewart Granger's Caravan, and for the Yugo-Slavin guerrilla hide-out in Undercover. Here, again, Yugo-Slavs who saw the film were convinced that the backgrounds had been photographed in their own mountains. Cornwall, too, was French territory for The Foreman Went to France and Next-of-Kin.

Perhaps the strangest reversal of geographic realities was when St Margaret's Bay, Dover, was used for the reconstruction of the Commando-Paratrooper raid on Brunwald in School for Secrets. The architects who originally designed a row of now shell-shattered buildings in Britain's 'front line' had favoured houses with small-tiled red roofs, steep eaves and quaint attic windows—typical, in fact, of many country dwellings on the Continent.

## Lucky Coincidences

Such lucky coincidences, undeniably superior to fake lath-and-plaster, need only a few additional touches to assure perfection. Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger faced an undoubted poser when they needed an exterior for Black Narcissus, with its story background of Northern India. When you see the film, watch for the sequence in which Sabu, as a young Indian prince, rides his white pony through a convincingly Asiatic setting of azaleas, rhododendrons and Himalayan pines. With minor additions to the background this scene was taken at the home of Sir Giles and Lady Loder at Leonardlee in Sussex!

Maybe this escape from the studio to the open air has come upon us almost unawares, or did it begin when British film-makers first discovered the treasure trove on their own doorstep? There was the charm of A Canterbury Tale, you remember, much of it gained by filming the picturesque beauty of six villages grouped around the cathedral city. There were the Surrey commons and parklands that gave space to The Wicked Lady; the lovely marshland vistas of Great Expectations filmed in the actual Dickens country of the Hoo peninsula. Now the cameras have captured the atmosphere of a Kentish farm in The Loves of Joanna Godden, and have been to Scotland for the settings of Margaret Irwin's The Gay Galliard.

# OSCAR WILDE BROUGHT TO SCREEN BY KORDA



# DANNY KAYE FOR LONDON

By DAVID LEWIN

LONDON. DUE HERE early in the New Year—Danny Kaye. Others on the list for London are Mickey Rooney and Abbott and Costello—and at salaries which English top liners only dream about. £4,000 a week is about the sum needed to tempt them away from Hollywood and New York. These big names will be worth while only if they revitalise our turns at home and set a higher standard over the country. What English variety really needs are new faces and new ideas, preferably our own. Percentage of foreign acts allowed to play on an English variety bill: 40 percent in London, 25 percent in the provinces.

WEST END theatres report better business than a month ago. (The season's heaviest loss, £25,000, on "Finian's Rainbow.") Chaplin's "Monsieur Verdoux," showing at two cinemas, is "filling 60 out of 100 seats," which is better than it did in New York. Basic petrol cuts are hitting the night-clubs. There are vacant tables every morning now.

MAE WEST is looking for a new leading man. Her show, "Diamond Lil," re-written and strengthened with new gags, comes to town in January, and producer Bill Mollison wants a tall, strong, handsome man to play opposite Mae. Bob Hope would have liked it.

# THEATRE Directory

TODAY'S FILMS

KING'S—Fiesta (Esther Williams)  
QUEEN'S—Song of the South  
LEE—Copacabana (Groucho Marx, Carmen Miranda)  
CENTRAL—Time, Place and the Girl (Dennis Morgan, Janis Paige)  
ORIENTAL—The Jolson Story (Larry Parks, Evelyn Keyes)  
CATHAY—Story of Dr. Wassell (Gary Cooper, Laraine Day)  
ALHAMBRA—Time, Place and the Girl  
MAJESTIC—The Yearling (Gregory Peck, Jane Wyman)  
STAR—Anna and the King of Siam (Rex Harrison, Irene Dunne)



Ingrid Bergman as "Cléo" and Gary Cooper, as "Clint," in Warner Bros. film adaptation of Edna Ferber's "Lusty Saratoga Trunk," which arrives at the Queen's Theatre on New Year's Day. Other featured in the supporting cast of the Hal B. Wallis production are Flora Robson, Jerry Austin, John Warburton and Florence Bates.

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Jests And Jeers

As the hopeful young thing said to the nervous swain early this week, "The man with a future is one that concentrates on the present."

The best pick-me-up for hikers, it is agreed, is a comfortable car.

Men may predominate as world leaders, but a great many women carry just as much weight.

Teacher: What is your name?

Boy: Jule, miss.

Teacher: Don't say Jule. Say Julius. And, next, what is your name?

Second Boy: Billious, miss.

Try praising your wife, advises a writer. Even if it frightens her at first.

The rate the number of motor cars in Hongkong multiplies from month to month, they'll soon form a crushing majority.

"My daughter's department secured her a lucrative position," boasted a proud mother. Carriage paid.

Mother: Bobby, your hands are dirty. I hope you won't come to meals with those hands.

Bobby: But, Mummy, I haven't any others.

What's the matter? Babies are born with them . . . fish make a noise with them . . . even cavemen suffered with them

And the poor hippo has 40!

WITH the help of Mr. Chapman Pincher we have examined our ears. Now we are going to turn dentists and look at our teeth.

How many teeth have you got? That depends on your age, says Mr. Pincher. Children with only milk teeth have 20 and grown-ups have 32—or should have.

Pigs, the greedy things, have 44, a hippopotamus 40, a hedgehog 36, a shark anything up to 12,000, and a narwhal one. Monkeys in the old world have the same number of teeth as people, but American monkeys, for some reason, have four more.

If you want to impress your friends you can tell them their teeth are heterodont, diphyodont, thesodont, and brachyodont.

It sounds terrific, but all it really means is that human teeth vary in shape, are replaced only once, are set in sockets in the jaw, and don't go on growing all your life, like hair and finger nails.

Milk teeth

BABIES are born with teeth, but they are hidden in the jaw, and do not begin to push through till the seventh month. It is not a sign of intelligence if they are early any more than of stupidity if they are late.

Some babies do not cut any teeth until they are a year old. But it is nothing to worry about. It simply means that instead of coming at intervals the teeth will arrive with a rush.

Children begin losing their front milk teeth when they are six or seven. I got a fright the other day when I pulled out a tooth for my son. There was no root to it, and I thought I had snapped it in half.

But when I told Mr P., he just laughed and said milk



BERNARD WICKSTEED passes on some tooth wisdom from CHAPMAN PINCHER.

bundle of nerves plus blood vessels and other things as well. That's the part that hurts you when you have toothache.

Apart from all this, there really is such a thing as the age of your teeth. It is there when they first appear and wears away when you learn to chew. The skin is only 1/20,000th of an inch thick, so things certainly are precarious when it is all you have to hang on by.

How you bite

NOW here's an interesting thing. Although you have the same number of teeth in the upper jaw as you have in the lower, they do not coincide when you bite.

Take a look in the glass and see. The four front teeth on top are wider than the four underneath, so each of them overlaps a little on to the next.

This goes on all along the line till you reach the wisdom teeth, and there, to even things up, the top one is smaller than the lower.

Incidentally, wisdom teeth have nothing to do with wisdom. They usually appear between the ages of 18 and 25, but some people don't cut them at all. Scientists believe the day will come when they will disappear altogether.

Mottled effect

SOME people have white patches on their teeth, giving them a mottled effect, and it has recently been found that this is caused by the fluorine, a chemical related to the chlorine gas used for sterilising swimming baths.

Some doctors believe that fluorine gets into the body through food cooked in aluminium saucepans. Another doctor says mottled teeth are most common in Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire and rarest in Hampshire and Northumberland. He thinks it is something to do with the water.

As a matter of fact, a little fluorine is quite a good thing for the teeth because it discourages the germs that cause decay, and for that reason several cities are thinking of putting it in the water deliberately.

The germ that does not like fluorine is called *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, and every dentist should take off his hat to them and say *foreat*, because they provide him with most of his work.

They live in your mouth and work like navvies, making cavities wherever they can.

At one time it was thought that sweets caused teeth to decay, but this was disproved by a doctor working for the Medical Research Council. He borrowed 45 orphans and fed them with boiled sweets and chocolate biscuits every night for months.

Instead of mottling their teeth worse it arrested decay that had started before the experiment.

And now for a swift history of dentistry. Cavemen had no dentists and suffered terribly from toothache. We know this from their skulls that have been dug up. The teeth are decayed and the jawbones infected with pyorrhea.

Dentistry

THE first dentures were made from the teeth of sheep or carved out of ivory, and they were tied in the mouth with thread or wire.

Cavities were filled with lead, an operation known in the 17th century as *plombage*. Gold fillings became fashionable in the 19th century.

The emphasis today is on prevention of decay. In a big American school recently they installed a dental clinic, and found that having their teeth looked after made the children happier, heavier, and more clever.

The year before they had a clinic 20 percent of the children failed in their exams.

The year after only six percent failed.

Moral: If you are slipping in your work, go to see a dentist.

They're All Joining The Legion

By DUDLEY HARMON

DISCONTENTED Germans and Central Europeans from behind the iron curtain are flocking to join the famous French Foreign Legion, which is turning down several hundred applicants a week.

An officer of the Legion, recently transferred to Paris, stated that some 800 Germans apply weekly in the French occupation zone. The Legion limits the number of Germans who can join and takes only specialists. But Germans make up two-thirds of the 30 percent which have been recruited from Central Europe since the war.

"The Germans who try to enlist are mostly displaced Soudaners, refugees from the eastern territories, or those who have lost faith in the future of their country," the officer said.

Must Escape First Hungarians, Rumanians, Czechs and other eastern European "who don't like the conditions of life in their countries" also are eager to join, he said. However, they first must escape from their homelands, where the Legion does not have recruiting centres.

Before the war the Legion recruited many anti-fascist Germans, White Russians and Spanish Republicans. Today it receives no Russian applicants. The Legion was reduced at the end of the war through losses in action to about 5,000 men. Now it receives about 1,000 candidates a week in its recruiting headquarters in Marseilles and accepts about 200 of them.

The Legion still asks no questions about the pasts of applicants and allows them to enlist under a false name. S.S. members, collaborators and war criminals are excluded. S.S. men can be identified because of a tattooing on their arms, and intelligence officials subject others to a rigid security check through photographs. Physical examinations are more strict than before the war.

Pay Is Small

Like every other French organisation, the Legion is having financial difficulties. First-year recruits training in North Africa at the beginning of a five-year contract are paid only six francs a day.

Most Legion enlistments are from the "Latin bloc"—French, Italians and Spanish, who make up over 60 percent of the organisation. Frenchmen who enlist must do so as Swiss or Belgians "who have lost their identity papers," as only Legion officers are permitted to be French. Americans and British make up about three percent of the membership. Slav countries contribute five percent, and the other percentage is "of indeterminate nationality."

Legion units are currently serving in the war in Indo-China and in Madagascar. Its members are exempted from having to fight in Europe, unless they volunteer.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It's an awfully nice car, but when I dated him all he did was talk about the Russians and British austerity!"

BBC Overseas Shortwave Programme

**SUNDAY, DEC. 28**  
6.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
6.15 MAINLY FOR WOMEN  
6.30 Charlie Chester in "STAND EASY" with his Crazy Gang  
7.00 THE NEWS  
7.15 SANDY MACPHERSON AT THE THEATRE ORGAN  
7.30 HOME FLASH  
8.00 FRANK CHURCH'S PAPERS  
8.15 Tommy Handley in "ITMA"  
8.45 A TALK  
9.00 THE NEWS  
9.15 MUSIC FOR YOU  
9.30 Gerald and his Concert Orchestra  
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL  
10.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA Conducted by Gordon Thorne  
11.00 SANDY MACPHERSON AT THE THEATRE ORGAN  
11.20 Interlude  
11.30 FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOUR Alice in Wonderland (4)  
11.45 WORTH THE NEWS  
12.00 MIDDNIGHT THE NEWS  
**MONDAY, DEC. 29**  
6.00 WORLD OF WORK  
6.15 DANCE MUSIC  
(gramophone records)  
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK  
7.00 THE NEWS  
7.15 FORCEES FAVORITES  
8.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS  
8.15 SPORTING RECORD  
8.45 ALBERT SANDLER TRIO  
9.00 THE NEWS  
9.15 MUSIC IN MINIATURE  
9.30 OBSERVATION POST  
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL  
10.15 MERRY GO-ROUND  
11.20 Interlude  
11.30 WORTH HALF-HOUR  
12.00 MIDDNIGHT THE NEWS  
**TUESDAY, DEC. 30**  
6.00 PLAIN ENGLISH  
6.15 "How and When," L. A. G. Strong talks about the use of adverbs in describing the action of the verb in the sentence  
6.30 PAUL WHITEMAN and his Orchestra (gramophone records)  
6.45 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK  
7.00 THE NEWS  
7.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA Conducted by Charles Groves  
8.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS  
8.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNES OF THE THEATRE ORGAN  
8.30 Variety Orchestra and Itouvar Chorus, conductor, Rae Jenkins, with Janet Davis  
9.00 THE NEWS  
9.15 THE SPA ORCHESTRA Directed by Tom Jenkins  
9.30 OBSERVATION POST  
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL  
10.15 VARIETY HANDBOOK  
11.20 FORCEES FAVORITES  
12.00 MIDDNIGHT THE NEWS  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31**  
6.00 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE Dr M. Ingleson speaks about the importance of a clear winter night, both for recreation and to industry  
6.15 DANCE MUSIC  
(gramophone records)  
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK  
7.00 THE NEWS  
7.15 TIP-TOP TUNES  
7.30 HARBOLD BROWNIE (haritone)  
8.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS  
8.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Conducted by Robert Irving  
8.30 THE NEWS  
8.45 THE RICHARD TAUBER PROGRAMME Girls' Choir  
9.00 QUESTIONS ON THESE THINGS  
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL  
10.15 REVIEW OF THE YEAR  
11.20 FORCEES FAVORITES  
12.00 MIDDNIGHT THE NEWS  
**THURSDAY, JAN. 1**  
6.00 PEARLIE The Tell-Tale Heart  
6.15 DENNIS ARUNDEL reads one of Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Imagination  
6.30 AMERICAN DANCE MUSIC (gramophone records)  
6.45 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK  
7.00 THE NEWS  
7.15 SIR HARRY LAUDER  
7.30 PIPES AND DRUMS  
7.45 FRANKIE & HILARY Band music by the Glasgow Police Pipe Band. Pipe-Major John MacDonald  
8.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS  
8.15 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA  
8.30 STARLIGHT  
8.45 Guest: Anne Ziegler  
9.00 THE NEWS  
9.15 ROUND BRITAIN QUIZ London: Professor D. W. Brown, Hubert Phillips, Quiz-Master; Lionel Hale, Rev. R. B. Jackson, Professor Bodkin, Quiz-Master; Gilbert Harding  
9.30 TALK  
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL  
10.15 SCOTTISH HAZEL HOUR Rugby Football: A commentary by Rex Aitken from Paris, on the second half of the game  
11.45 DANCE MUSIC  
(gramophone records)  
12.00 MIDDNIGHT THE NEWS  
**FRIDAY, JAN. 2**  
6.00 "NIGHT AFFAIRS"  
6.15 DANCE MUSIC  
(gramophone records)  
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK  
7.00 THE NEWS  
7.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham  
8.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS  
8.15 HANRODY  
8.30 THE NEWS and the Skyrockets Concert Orchestra  
8.45 THE NEWS REQUEST

GUNMAN SHOT IN CHURCH

Ohio State police recently shot down a fugitive gunman while he was holding a pistol at the head of a clergyman in a church.

Leonard Johnson, 29, motor car thief, took refuge from pursuing police in Trinity Episcopal Church at Findlay, Ohio.

Johnson placed the barrel of a pistol at the temple of the Rev. John Knox and shouted to the police who were surrounding the church: "I'll kill him if you try to capture me!"

Police Chief Leo Harkins entered the church porch and urged Johnson to give up.

He argued with Johnson for 45 minutes while Johnson stood threatening the rector in front of the altar.

Meanwhile, Patrolman R. C. Vanderventer stripped off his shoes, crept past his chief, and ducked behind a pew.

Taking careful aim, Vanderventer shot at Johnson, who was standing perilously close to the rector.

Vanderventer missed, but Johnson wheeled around.

Vanderventer's second bullet hit Johnson in the back.

Several police entered the church and captured Johnson, who was badly wounded.

TAILOR'S BEQUEST FOR BUGLE CALL

Harry Reginald Aldiss, a merchant tailor, of Cambridge, who died last year, asked that a bugler sound the Reveille and Last Post over his grave at noon on his birthday each year.

This was done for the first time recently.

Aldiss left £100 to the Cambridge cemetery trustees to pay the bugler. After sounding the calls, the bugler is to say, "Do your best for England."

The bugler is to receive £1 from the income of the bequest.

Aldiss asked that 15 shillings of the income be spent on keeping the grave in order. Any odd shillings are to be given to the cemetery workmen to get a drink.

Aldiss will also be asked that it should be recorded on his gravestone that he was wounded twice in the South African war, and was rejected for service in 1914.

THE STORY OF THREE MEN AND A BOY AND—

DOWN in the small Gloucestershire town of Dursley (pop. 3,288) they are thinking about celebrating the 80th anniversary of the firm which has made Dursley famous.

Dursley people estimate that at least one-third of the world's sheep are shorn with shears they have made.

Their ploughshares turn up the earth wherever farming is carried on. And their oil engines are helping to get the world out of its food crisis by lightening the burden on farm workers.

Already this year the firm which Dursley cradled has been the cause of one set of celebrations.

To mark the knighthood conferred on its chairman, Sir Percy Lister, Dursley people organised a torchlight procession on the evening of last New Year's Day.

Their new knight's car, headed by the works band, was dragged round the town.

Inside the Lister factory there are many Dursley people who will have their own personal anniversaries to celebrate.

His 60th Year

Take, for example, Harry Smith, of the blacksmith's shop. For him 1947 will mark the start of his 60th year with Listers.

Blacksmith Harry is 75. Under the firm's pension scheme he could have retired ten years ago. But he has chosen to go on working.

White-haired but sinewy, he looks good for years yet.

He put down his hammer on the anvil where he was fashioning handles for milk pails to "tell me I started here we came in at six o'clock in the morning and left at six at night. We worked 10½ hours a day."

And then, almost explosively, "Aye, and we should be doing that now"—a sentiment which will commend itself to Sir Stafford Cripps

The spirit that made Britain great

by BERNARD HARRIS

For Bill Higgins, of Dursley, March sees the completion of 50 years with Listers. Forty years ago, when the firm started to make mechanical sheep-shears, Bill went into that department. Now he is head of it.

"We've made about 140,000 of them in my time," he said. "They say a good man in Australia can shear a sheep with them in one and a half minutes—250 sheep a day."

As he explained the working of the shears Bill commented that one of the original batch of 500 had just come in for repair—a tribute to the quality Dursley had built into them.

Four generations

At one time Listers had four generations of the Robbins family working for them. There was great-grandfather, believed to be about 80, grandfather, father and his young apprentice son.

But Dursley people believe that on the human side the firm's biggest claim to distinction is that, so far as is known, it is the only large public company whose board of directors is composed of five brothers.

In growing from three men and a boy 80 years ago to the employment of more than 2,000 workers it has succeeded better than most in combining family traditions with large-scale enterprise.

The founder, Robert Ashton Lister, was born in Dursley 102 years ago.

He had no capital. But he borrowed enough money to take over a smithy and, with two men and a boy to help him, began in 1807 to make agricultural implements.

That smithy is still part of the works of R. A. Lister and Company, which now extend to a mile away from it.

And the money which the founder borrowed is represented by an enterprise which the City of London values at more than £5,000,000.

Speed-up came

In the first ten years progress was slow. At no time did the workers number more than 15.

Harry Smith the blacksmith, will tell you that when he joined the firm nearly 60 years ago there were only 24 men—"and I can still count off their names on my fingers."

A speed-up came when Lister turned his attention to dairy machinery and brought out the first practical mechanical cream separator.

In the closing years of last century he undertook a pioneering trip across the plains of Alberta in a three-horse buggy to sell the separators his people were making back home in Dursley.

And he sent his four sons abroad to establish branches of the business.

In 1911 the founder became Sir Ashton Lister. One of his sons, Charles Ashton Lister, had five boys, four of whom served in World War I, and returned from it to join the board after a period of training.

Later they were joined by their youngest brother, and today they form the entire directorate.

Eldiest is George, followed by Robert. Then comes Sir Percy, the chairman, who will be 60 in July.

Next are Frank and, finally, Cecil.

All five spent their boyhood near the factory. They grew up with the idea that one day they would work in it.

Recently in Dursley an important election was in progress.

The Lister workers were choosing nine of their number to represent them for a year on the firm's joint board which was set up in

1927 so that the men could meet the directors round a table and hammer out their mutual problems. This scheme, the Listers believe, has contributed greatly to the smooth running of the business.

Certainly at a time when it is fashionable to talk about lack of effort by Britain's workers one hears nothing like that in Dursley. Output in the Lister works is not as high as the five brothers would like to see. But they don't blame the men.

Spinning it out

Says Mr Robert: "The problem is almost wholly the supply of raw materials. Men automatically adjust themselves to the flow of work."

"If they know there is a great volume pressing on them they will go flat-out. But if they know the materials are liable to peter out any moment they can't help spinning out the work."

Dursley knows what production records mean. In the firm's mechanised foundry a team of three men—Ernie Hillman, "Taffy" Smith and Leslie James—produced 1,150 castings for ploughshares in an eight-hour day. In a week their total was 8,400 castings.

A challenge was sent to the United States, land of production records to beat this achievement. It hasn't been done yet.

The three have been together as a team since 1938 and are still hard at it. Despite the intruders Mr Dalton makes into their production bonus they will go on at a world-beating pace—if they can get the raw materials.

There is room in the Dursley works for another 800 men if they were available.

"I would take them on tomorrow," says Mr Cecil. "The length of our order book hardly bears thinking about."

Dursley people need no exhortation about the importance of selling British goods abroad.

At the moment rather more than half their output is going overseas and they are determined that their town shall become even better known.

# WOMANSENSE FOR NEW YEAR

## IDEAS FOR THE NEW YEAR



You're half-way to being well-dressed if you're—

## Dressed for drinks

HOW do you dress for early-morning tea?—afternoon coffee?—evening cocktails? A point women sometimes forget is that your clothes should tie up with what you are drinking.

1—Take the average housewife, enjoying her morning cup of tea. Now a cup of tea is informal and pleasant—so is the simple navy button-through frock, easy to move in, pretty enough to emerge from behind an apron and face tradesmen and friends.

2—Business lunches wind up with coffee and cigarettes. Coffee is brisk and stimulating, and so is the

careerist's outfit, basically a classic grey suit, but unobtrusively up-to-the-minute through its detail and accessories: notice the long, revers and single-button fastening, the longer jacket, the longer slim skirt; notice the fur stole, the new big hat which softens the severity of the suit.

Accessories are important. Choose a big bag to hold all those notes as well as cosmetics—always with handles—like the bronze crocodile bag sketched. Shoes are classic—plain bronze crocodile court shoes, with a medium to high heel this time—and well-polished, like the bag.

3—A cocktail is short and potent—so is the outfit that goes with the glass. Black is easily star colour for this hour, and the two-piece sketched is most effective in black.

For the shy or chilly, a short-sleeved, black crepe jacket, buttoning up to the neck, is worn over a brief strapless frock of the same material. When the jacket is not worn it reveals the heart-shaped neckline of the dress.

The dress is lightly beaded and sequinned to just below the waist, and this trimming is repeated on the jacket.

Heels rise their highest by night, and now is the time to wear slinky slender-heeled sandals: wedges are on the wane for this type of shoe. Accessories are dramatic—tiny gold evening bag, more for decoration than use, and long black gloves in suede or hand-made in satin.



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## The left-overs supply ideas for fresh dishes

By CHARMIAN MAYNARD

GOOD household strategy includes making use of small quantities of left-over food.

Meat, vegetables, or stewed fruit, combined with other foods, can often provide dishes for another meal.

Mashed Potato.—Add equal quantity tinned fish or flaked cooked fish. Flavour with finely diced onion, chopped parsley, salt, and pepper. Moisture with beaten egg.

Shape into small balls or flat cakes. Mix balance of egg with a little milk. Dip cakes in, drain, toss in browned breadcrumbs. Deep fry golden brown in burning fat. Serve hot with gilled or baked tomatoes.

Cooked Spinach.—Combine ½ cup cooked spinach with 3 or 4 tablespoons white sauce, 2 tablespoons finely minced ham, 1 tablespoon grated cheese, salt and pepper. Heat and spread over one half of a cooked omelet, fold over, and garnish with sliced tomato.

Other Cooked Vegetables.—Cut into dice, place in greased ovenware dish. Cover with white sauce flavoured with curry powder and a squeeze of lemon juice or with grated cheese. Reheat in moderate oven, serve hot with triangles of dry toast.

Cold Corned Beef.—Cut into cubes, fold into white sauce flavoured with curry powder. Add cooked spaghetti (same quantity as meat). Turn into greased ovenware dish, top with bread-crumbs, place in moderate oven to reheat and brown crumbs.

Stewed Fruit.—Drain syrup off and reserve. Place fruit in greased dish. Cover with sweetened scone dough rolled to ¼ in. thickness. Bake in hot oven 450 degrees 12 to 15 minutes.

Extend syrup with orange and lemon juice and extra water. Thicken with blended arrowroot and serve as a sauce.

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## The 'Newtivity' Look

by PATRICIA LENNARD



HOW far has the New Look spread through the fashion trade?

Higher-priced clothes are acquiring touches of fairly authentic detail, but you will not be seeing the main results until about February. Look out then for tortoiseshell buttons (Dior-inspired, from Paris) and smoked pearl studs that unscrew for cleaning, on your spring dresses.

Look out for fine woollens and crepes in pastels (the Royal South African tour was a direct inspiration); the lightest possible grey, dusty rose, dusty blue, and "food" shades of yellow—butter, honey, banana, melon.

Look out for false hips of buckram, canvas frills sewn under the waistline, boned hip seams and padded pockets for hip fullness.

But so far, utility spring clothes are only slightly affected by the Great Change! Hems have been let down a couple of inches, "spiv" shoulder pads replaced by now plastic sponges pads for a rounder shoulder line and hip emphasis given by stiffened basques or peg-top drapery. But they still look like the casual dirndl or shirtwaister styles we have been wearing in the past and will continue to wear in the future: classic styles entirely outside fashion, with an American flavour.

Sigrid has sketched a Harella utility coat (above left), which makes concessions to the New Look with a rounded shoulder yoke and wide skirt springing from a slim waistline. And right, are two examples of the middle course utility styling must take. The utility oyster salt blouse by Hart, incorporates a rounded shoulder line because of its cap sleeve, and back-fastening high-necked blouses have been a firm favourite across the Atlantic. The Windsor utility skirt—is a practical version of the hobble skirt with peg-top fullness below the waist. It buttons all the way through, invisibly, under the front placket.

In a world crisis there is still

## SOMETHING NEW FOR WOMEN

OUT of the fog of contradictions and confusions, out of the storm of raised voices and raised eyebrows has now emerged the "NEW LOOK." And it is charming.

With rounded shoulders and curved hips and skirts established reasonably somewhere around the calf, comes a complete change of accessories—all smaller, neater, more covered-up, more feminine.

THE NEW HAIR . . . is short, swept-up, swept-round, and elegant, calling for a well-poised head.

No more will wild manes sweep the shoulders, no longer will women try to look like Diana in a wind, and only succeed in looking like seaweed in a tempest.

But neither will they look too formal, too elaborate for practical day-to-day living.

The new short hair, brushed till it shines, is not high-piled in curls. Keep in the ends that curve into neat, flat curls after sweeping from a side parting or across the back or from the forehead.

THE NEW HAT . . . is small and pretty, the perfect complement of the new hair.

It may be a pill-box or a beret, a tricorn or a bicorne. If the hair is swept into curls on one side of the head—the hat will be worn on the other side, to reveal the hair. If a portmanteau and more like a handbag, the hat is smaller, neater, often of worn-in, a firm, boxy shape that defies fringe, the hat efforts to make it bulge.

Caroline Fox

## The sweater girl changes her line

THREE skirts and a sweater will make fashion news in the coming months by breaking completely from styles set in recent years.

Most women have worn at some time or other the classic sweater—ribbed at neck and waist—with the classic skirt: pencil slim, pleated or flared from the waist.

The three skirts sketched (utility, about 33s., by Rembrandt) are ahead in fashion detail.

First, the pencil slim skirt, as straight and simple as before, has a new peg-top line to the waist, perfect for pairing off with a plain sweater. The skirt buttons on to the waistband, forming useful tunnel pockets. Centre, another straight skirt, but this time, deeply flounced to the new long length with a band of pleats from above the knee. This style is perfect for the older woman, pairs off well with the newest type of sweater, by Spectator. Sports. The sweater, severely plain, with pushed-up three-quarter sleeves, ends well the hips in a trouser hem. It is gauged and drawn up over the left hip to give the current one-sided look.

Right, is the young girl's skirt—a dirndl without its bulk, an easy-fitting skirt with more fashion sense



than its predecessors. Diagonal buttons on the wide waistband give a nipwast, and the buttons continue to the front-fastening hem inside a loosely-swinging unpressed pleat. This skirt will go to town and country equally well with sweater or shirt.



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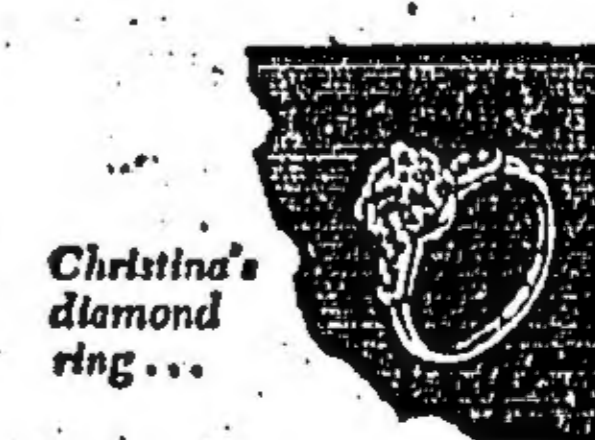
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**A CRITIC, drama critic, music critic, a composer, conductor, a swing composer, a B.B.C. woman announcer, a travel writer, a woman novelist, a baritone, an ex-officer of the Guards, a retired major-general, a ballet dancer, a B.B.C. music department executive, a B.B.C. secretary, a girl from Paris, a woman ex-war correspondent, a woman reporter came to a party I gave.**

The conclusion is not established, but near closing time in Wallop hotels it is vehemently maintained that Pluke either married Liza, changed into a hare, or did both.

I have used fictitious names because the good people of the Wallops do not exactly recall whether Liza's name was Happlejett, Chelmonster or Tabbit; or Pluke's name Fotherlingay or Webb.

—J. B. Hendry, Canterbury-avenue, Liverpool, 22.

## The man who loved the view

They drank hot punch and sang "Ikla Moor" and carols, and when they had tired themselves out they sat on the floor and I turned the lights out and read to them the ghost stories my dear readers have been sending to me.

## The man who missed the bus

CRISP cold on Christmas Eve as I reached the lonely crossroads at the end of Friar's Walk. I stamped my feet and turned my back to the bluff gust of cold, and waited for the last bus home.



Moonlight and cold fields, hard roads and loneliness. Just such a night ten years back when the heavily loaded bus crashed into the river at the foot of the hill on Christmas Eve. The river was in raging flood and none survived.

A cold clutch of fear stirred in the trees as the faraway church clock struck the hour. Eight o'clock—and the last bus left Friar's Walk at 7.45. My watch was slow and the bus had gone.

But not a flicker of light at the bend of the lane and the bus sailed into view. Swaying headlights, gilded windows and long shadows on the frozen roadway. I stepped into the roadway and raised my hand.

The bus glided to a standstill, silent, and I heard the sigh of the wind in the trees. A terrible, unnatural silence, with the conductor staring at me from his platform and a confused picture of stiff, staring faces within.

My foot was on the step when the dank cold of the hand-rail scalded me to a stop. The conductor stared with a deathly pallor and beckoned me silently—and I saw his face clearly, and the mantle of frozen green slimo on his tunic.

I stepped back to the shadows and he looked after me intently, longingly..... and then silently reached for the bell-cord.....

—W. Hobbs, Hessel-road, West Ealing, London, W.13.

## The woman who troubled Wallop

AT the turn of the century Middle Wallop was disturbed by the activities of Liza Happlejett.

It was Liza's habit during the summer months to assume the body of a rabbit, and her domestic work either undone or postponed until Sunday, she would go out and frolic with the other rabbits until the early hours of the morning, when, reassuming her human form, she would make her shifty way home on the near end of a broom.

The inevitable farror of this complacent routine occurred when one Tom Pluke, a poacher, met Liza in a meadow and shot her. To Pluke's amazement, he found a woman with a shoulder injury instead of a dead rabbit. He carried her home and treated her injury.

However, as I got nearer to the village I noticed a man and a dog coming along the path in my direction. The man walked steadily as if he were enjoying the walk and the dog seemed assured there was a rabbit in every bush as he darted from one to the other.

When we met, I remarked how beautiful the view from the place where we stood. He slowly removing the pipe from his mouth, rejoined Aye. So beautiful one never wishes to leave it.

After a few more remarks I asked him where his dog had gone. "Dog?" he said incredulously. "Dog? Must be old Peter's ghost. I haven't seen him since the night we were killed in the quarry...."

—Alfred Joughin, Greeba, Thurston-road, Irby, Wirral, Cheshire.

## The husband who killed his wife

POOR Mr Brown had got to the stage when his wife's nagging and incessant talking were more than he could stand, and one day he told her that he was going to kill her. To his amazement she smiled and merely said that she would have her revenge.

Mr Brown carried out his threat, and when the opportunity later came he buried her under the greenhouse floor, telling the neighbours afterwards that she had left him after a quarrel.

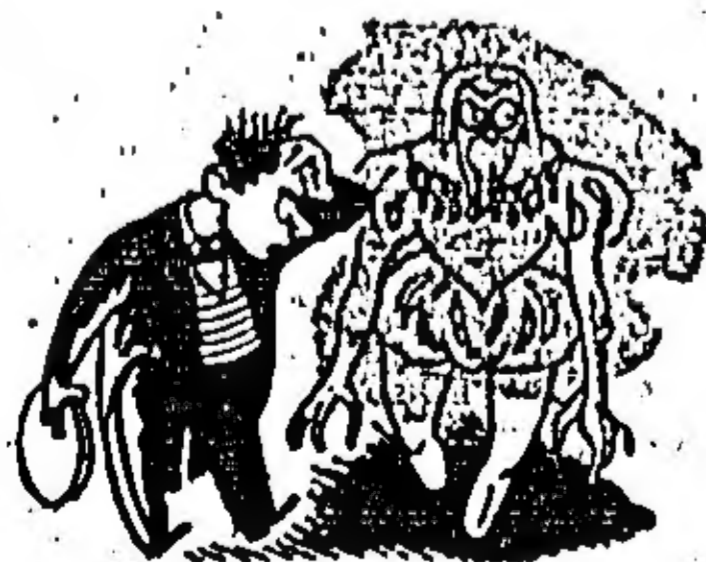
In the spring Mr Brown duly sowed some seeds in the greenhouse, but to his consternation they did not spring forth green shoots; the shoots were the colour of flesh. They started to grow so rapidly that Mr Brown tried to cut them down, but this merely increased the speed of their growth until the terrified Mr Brown had to lock the greenhouse door.

Soon the pink shoots forced their way through the cracks, and as the days passed they crept nearer the house. Mr Brown piled furniture against every door, but in vain. And at last the shoots crept under his door and around him until the breath was squeezed from him.

—D. I. Hammond, Desborough-avenue, High Wycombe, Bucks.

## The ghost who was conservative

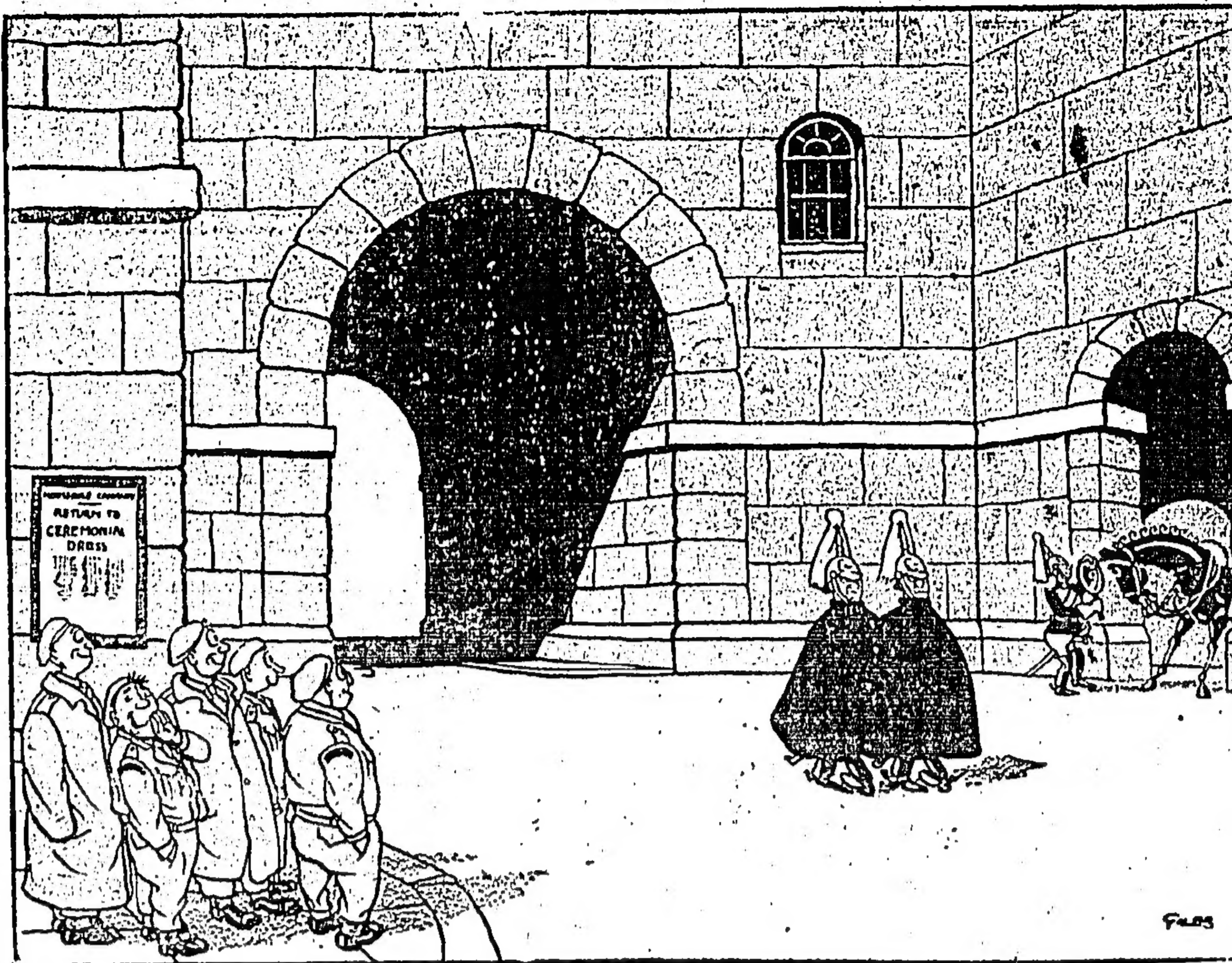
A COLLEGE servant was passing through the dining hall late one evening and saw a figure in Elizabethan costume coming towards him. The figure was cut off at the shins and was hobbling along on the stumps of his legs.



The servant reported the intruder to the college authorities and a search was made in the records, which did in fact disclose a previous appearance of the Figure. But nowhere on record was there a mention of the obvious and rather impressive mutilation.

However, further investigation did reveal that within living memory the floor level of the hall had been raised, and it was therefore assumed that the Ghost was of a conservative turn of mind and preferred using the old floor.

—Christopher Millett, Capel, Surrey.



"Spivs!"

# ON THE FRINGE OF THE IRON CURTAIN

FROM the time of Munich until the arrival of the Red Army, Czechoslovakia endured seven bitter years of suppression. During this period the deeply ingrained democratic beliefs of the Czechs suffered badly. The Germans ruthlessly stamped out any attempt at resistance.

In terms of physical destruction the country has not suffered much, partly due to the great distance from Allied bomber bases, and partly due to the swift arrival of the Red Army units, before the Germans had time to put their scorched earth policy into operation.

The Czechs now have a new Constitution and a Coalition Government, controlled by Communists, who obtained 40 per cent of the votes at the General Election. The lesser partners are Socialists, Social-Democrats and Catholics. Owing to the balance of forces between the Left and Right, the Communists have proceeded in a constitutional manner, although some Czechs fear that if the Communists have a bigger majority, their policy might become more revolutionary.

It is still the Right Wing that jealously watches the liberty of the subject and the freedom of expression in the Parliament.

Standing above Party is the much beloved President Benes, respected by all and acceptable to all the political leaders. The President's personal influence has helped to shape the foundation of the Czech foreign policy, which is based on good relations and friendship with both the East and the West.

## Nationalisation

Shortly after the liberation, Czechoslovakia adopted a policy of nationalisation of the bigger industries, comprising about 65 per cent of the industry. The rest of the industry remains in private hands, which is State controlled in the sense that the Government distributes the raw materials. It is interesting to note how nationalisation was carried out, for it met with no opposition. Circumstances rendered the change of ownership easy.

The dispossessed owners fall into the three distinct categories, the Germans, Jews and the Czechs. With respect to the Germans, all their property became liable to confiscation. This meant a lot because Germans had not only extended some factories, but had also put up new ones in what they considered an area safe from bombs. Secondly, so many Jews had been exterminated by the Germans that several factories had no owners. From the ranks of the Czech owners a good proportion was weeded out and punished with confiscation owing to

Czechs enjoy freedom of speech though Communists rule the country

By CONRAD DIAS.

collaboration with the Germans, to arrange a credit to purchase Bata, the world-famous shoe manufacturers being one. Such owners as did not come under the above categories received credit notes against the compensation to be paid, at an unspecified date, out of profits, if any.

## Two-Year Plan

The Czech economy is planned and controlled by the Two-Year Plan for 1946-47, with the dual objects of raising industry output to 10 per cent above the 1937 level, and agricultural production to the 1938 level.

It seems very unlikely that these targets will be attained. Firstly, Unrra, which supplied the bulk of raw materials for Czech industry, has ceased to do so. Secondly, by the expulsion of 750,000 Germans, including the Sudetens, Czech industry deprived itself of a fair proportion of skilled labour.

As a political decision the expulsion is understandable. The Sudetens went over to the Germans in 1938, and as they refused to merge into the Czechoslovak nation, still other solution could be found. Still, their departure leaves a big gap in the ranks of skilled labour, when the shortage extends to non-skilled industrial and agricultural labour as well.

## Endless Red-Tape

An experiment in nationalisation by a country as industrially advanced as Czechoslovakia deserves close study at a time when experiments of State ownership loudly proclaim it to be the cure for all economic evils and inequalities. The Czechs have set themselves a target which they are clearly failing to achieve.

Nationalisation has meant a large increase of bureaucrats and endless red-tape. Overhead costs have shot up. The big increase of wages of workers after nationalisation resulted in a proportionately increased production but a serious decline in output.

Worse still, prices soared to such an extent that they are, in many classes of goods, high above the world price-level. The Government's stern powers to mobilise and control labourers threaten the freedom of the workers. Big losses exceeding 2,000 million Kcs. have been incurred by the mining and metallurgical industries. The result of high export prices has a serious effect on the export trade which alone can earn the vital foreign exchange to purchase raw materials without which nearly the whole of the Czechoslovak industry will be crippled.

The desperate shortage of foreign exchange can be seen from this example in June last, the Directors of one of the largest motor type factories, faced with an imminent closure owing to the lack of rubber, called on the National Bank

to arrange a credit to purchase from Ceylon the first 500 tons of a total of 3,000 tons required. The Bank refused to finance the purchase because no sterling was available even to obtain raw materials essential for industry and for the maintenance of employment.

Another interesting feature of the new economic set up has been the futile attempt to eliminate the middleman. In the industries, except where the previous owners and managers stayed on, the control is in the hands of young inexperienced men, well versed in Socialist theory. They tried to eliminate the middleman by establishing direct agencies in the bigger markets. This attempt has proved unsuccessful and the experienced middlemen have been recalled.

## National Ownership

Despite the experiments in nationalisation, Czech economic recovery has been a little more rapid than in some other occupied countries. Fortunately her industries were undamaged with the exception of the Skoda works, on which the Allies concentrated a heavy raid, only a few days before the German collapse. As one of the main recipients of UNRRA help, Czechoslovakia was certainly saved from starvation, while at the same time her industrial revival was set in motion.

It is interesting to study the reorganisation of Czech industry under national ownership. Factories turning out similar products are grouped together to prevent uneconomic competition and to reduce costs. By the adoption of standardisation, it is hoped to raise the output. For instance, the motor industry now produces only three makes of cars, the Skoda, Tatra and the Aero instead of a dozen as before. Each group has its own sales and export department. The higher executives are mainly young men without much experience, and often a loyal Party man has received his reward.

The food situation is in many respects similar to that of austerely Britain. Rations are much the same, except that a better choice and variety can be had in Czechoslovakia. Cheap substantial meals are served in the State restaurants. The general feeling is that the food situation is improving slowly. Like their neighbours the Czechs com-

# MAN'S ILLUSIONS OF GRANDEUR

by Paul F. Ellis

MAN'S belief that his earth is the centre of the universe and that he is the perfect specimen of creation are only "illusions," Prof. Robert L. Schuyler contended.

He told the autumn meeting of the American Philosophical Society that man on earth has always had a "subconscious vanity," and has refused to believe that he is cosmically unimportant.

Dr Schuyler, Professor of History at Columbia University, described man as a "parasite of a minor planet," one of many billions of planets.

"During almost the entire course of man's existence he has taken it for granted that he occupied a central position in the physical universe and that non-human objects and beings possessed attributes to his own," he said.

"This illusion has been the greatest of all his illusions, and the most pregnant of its consequences."

He said "we can no longer believe that we are literally at the centre of the universe, as was believed by everybody down to about ten years ago."

"But, Dr Schuyler said, 'It is still possible for us to believe that we are at the apex of creation, though there is no satisfactory basis for this belief, which appears to be nothing more than an instance of wishful thinking and a delusion of grandeur.'"

He said the types of such grandeur are individual, national, racial and human racial.

"The remedy," he said, "is the spirit of humility. Morally wise men of science and philosophy have recognised the necessity of humility for the acquisition of knowledge and the attainment of serenity."

Humility, according to Dr Schuyler, is a virtue to which man pays only "lip service."

"There are some modest individuals in our race," he said, "and we should rejoice at their presence."

## GRANTED 15TH DIVORCE

Betty Dunlavy, attractive 40-year-old Oregon brunette, sued for her 15th divorce recently.

She charges husband No. 15, John Dunlavy, 32, with cruel and inhuman treatment.

Flipping pancakes in the restaurant she owns, Mrs Dunlavy said 15 unlucky trials had not soured her on marriage.

"I have no prospects for No. 16, but I hope the right man will come along," she said. "My life begins at 40."

**Egg Sent Her Into A Trance**

Mrs. Helen Mazzio, 27, was sitting on the step of her South Philadelphia home when two strange women introduced themselves as fortune-tellers.

They asked her to get a glass of water, a man's white handkerchief and an egg.

One woman made the water "boil," put the egg in the handkerchief, laid both on top of the glass.

"Watch egg very closely," the fortune-tellers told Mrs. Mazzio. She did and immediately fell into a trance. She awoke hours later to find \$1,000 worth of belongings had been stolen from the house.

## DAVID LANGDON CARTOON

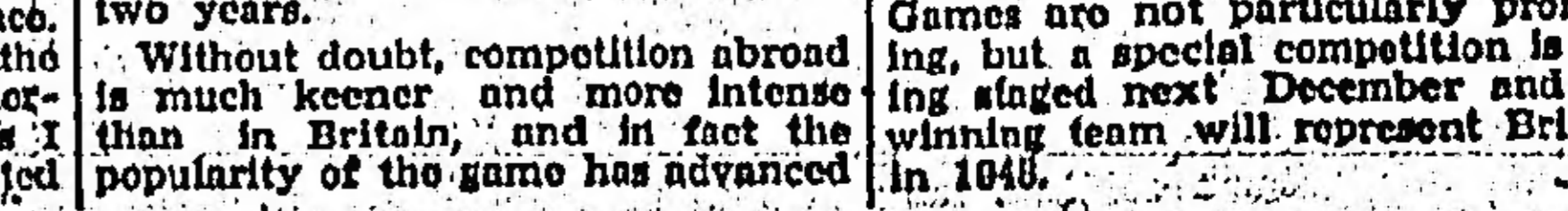


"I hear we're inventing a machine which fights back..."

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# Return To League Soccer Again To-day

**By Reg. Wootton**



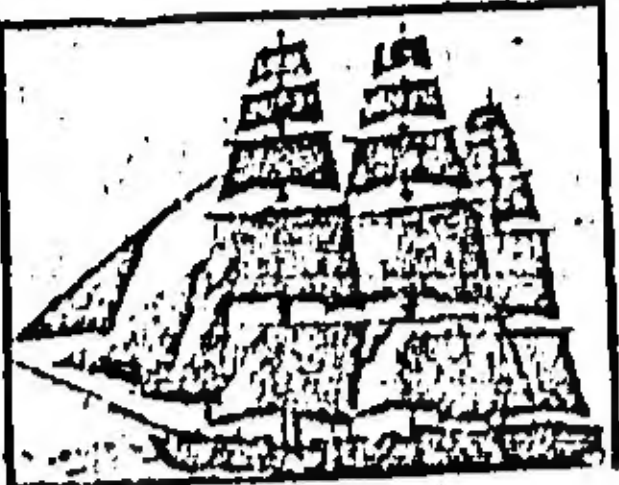
## Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 9

1. One of these famous British admirals was a soldier before he was a sailor—Nelson, Drake, Jellicoe, Blake, Hawke, Beatty?

2. From which of these trees would you get a deal board? Oak, fir, elm, beech, pine, cedar, poplar?

3. An octo base is—Squid with eight legs, musical instrument, October air, deepest voice in choir?



4. This old-time sailing craft is a—Tonsill, schooner, brig, barque, full-rigged ship, brigantine?

5. For what are these London streets famous—Threadneedle-street, Harley-street, Wardour-street, Hatten-garden, Carey-street?

6. Twenty years have passed since the F.A. Cup was taken out of England by—Queen's Park (Glasgow), Swansea Town, Glasgow Rangers, Cardiff City?

7. Lake Superior is so-called because of its—Size, fish, depth, shipping, salts?

8. Which is the most ephemeral of these—Centenarian, fairy, mayfly, mystic, ghost?

9. Besides being writers, Charles Lamb, Trollope, Pevensy and Burns were—Farmers, civil servants, doctors, innkeepers?

10. Which of the following, laid side by side, would cover the greatest distance—Ten pennies, 12 half-pennies, 16 shillings?

## DREAM CAMERA

A "dream camera" that will take pictures automatically as fast as the photographer can work the shutter is being developed in U.S. Army laboratories.

The camera not only will take pictures at a pace of one-a-second or more, but will be immune to heat, cold and wet, and will stand being dropped and bumped, says the Army.—Associated Press.

# FALL OF THE HOUSE OF TARRAN

by BERNARD HARRIS

ROBERT GREENWOOD TARRAN, sentenced early this month in England to nine months' imprisonment for publishing a false balance sheet, was fond of quoting an old Spanish proverb.

My belief is that if he had paid more heed to the advice it gave he would not be spending Christmas in jail.

For the proverb was, "Take the greatest care when you feel safest."

The trouble with Bob Tarran was that he did not take enough care in the financial sense. That was the cause of his downfall.

There was a man of immense abilities, of restless energy, and tremendous drive who, starting from nothing, had built up in 25 years a business doing more than £2,000,000 of work a year.

Like other self-made men before him, Tarran wanted to keep it all under his own control.

In his early days Tarran's primitive accounts were jotted down on the backs of tram tickets and other odd scraps of paper.

"I never kept books," he once told me. "To do so would be as foreign to me as the Russian language."

Tarran understood building. But he did not understand what he called "high finance and accountancy."

Once he took me over to a large oak chest and started to "test" it on his broad, stubby fingers. "So many feet of timber at so much, so many man-hours, so much varnish, and so on."

"That sort of knowledge is worth more to you than all your book-keeping," he said.

Tarran was inclined to blame the blitz on Hull for some of the difficulties in which he became involved.

"Our records office and our costings office were blown to pieces," he said.

She knew more about the financial administration of the business than he did.

At dinner with me on the 32nd day of the inquiry into the charges against him, Tarran insisted that if Miss Mason had been alive to give evidence the case would have turned in his favour.

"I owe all my success in life to three women," he said. "My mother, my wife, and Doreen Mason."



1941... The King with Tarran in Hull

To this plain, forthright Yorkshireman, who claimed that he had never read a book ("I've always been too interested in my work"), the orthodox financial expert was anathema.

After he had been sacked and the board of his company was reorganised, he complained that there was not a single builder among the directors.

He asked me, "Would you send the Queen Elizabeth to sea with lawyers on the bridge and accountants in the engine room?"

And again, "Has any manipulator of finance ever made a tank, battleship, or aircraft?"

Throughout that dinner and in conversation until midnight, Tarran seemed like a man without a care in the world.

He wisecracked about the length of the case. It had already cost Hull ratepayers the equivalent of a 2d. rate and was to go on for 76 days and cost them a 5d. rate.

"I'm cheap on the basis of a 2d. rate," he said, with his broad grin. "Considering what I've done for Hull, I think people should value me at least at 1s."

I asked him what he thought would be the outcome of the case.

Without a moment's hesitation he flashed back: "I've worked it out that if I get seven years I can reduce it to five years four months by good conduct. Then I can get busy again."

"What I did 25 years ago with naught I will do again. All I want

is to work with the men and materials I love."

He told me how he had taken a car ride to Wakefield to have a look at the jail.

"When I was sheriff I entertained the King. I want to be properly looked after when the rules are reversed."

Tarran made one of his rare miscalculations there. He had visited the wrong jail.

Behind all this banter Tarran was, I think, sustained by the knowledge that he had not engaged in any double-crossing or financial roguery to line his own pockets. Nothing like that had brought him down.

Whatever they may do to me, they cannot destroy homes that scores of thousands of people live in today through the use of whatever gifts I have."

Wealth made little appeal to him. He said he had been born not with the "lust for gold," but with the "lust to provide the human

need."

He was comfortably off. But nothing like so rich as other people could have been if they had had a business such as his under their control.

Tarran had known what it was to be poor.

"I was the eldest child of seven boys and one girl."

When I started in business in 1919 I was so poor that I had to buy my timber by the shilling's worth. I wheeled it to my little workshop, for which I paid half a crown a week, on my bicycle.

"I had to buy the bent and secondhand nails I wanted in pennyworths from the packing cases of a grocer."

On those foundations rose a business which was to use 500 tons of timber a day, and more than 500 tons of nails a year.

Luck came Tarran's way in 1923. A customer had run up a debt which he could not pay. So Tarran took an old oil engine from him and cancelled the debt. With his savings of £88 he bought a circular saw.

That gave him a rudimentary start in the mass production of joinery. "I thought I was on top of the world," he told me.

Tarran went on to build cinemas, houses, flats, churches, hospitals, banks. His name appeared on sites all over Britain. In Leeds he built Europe's largest block of flats housing 990 families.

The first year's turnover of £295 had swollen to £2,100,000 by 1931, passed the £1,000,000 mark before war came.

Then Tarran switched his activities to the mass production of huts for the Services, built defence works, and constructed airfields. In 1940 he had 10,000 people working for him.

He said, "The happiness of every worker is the boss's special duty."

He built them canteens, installed first-aid stations, set up dental clinics and organised a canteen for the babies of the working mothers.

A Tarran orchestra and a Tarran concert party were started. A large sports ground sprang up alongside the factory.

Holidays-with-pay were introduced long before the Government thought of them—and in an industry where they were regarded as impossible because it used casual labour.

Hull people loved "R.G." for his success, his generosity, his skill in getting things done in the face of opposition from bumbledom and officialdom.

During the heavy raids on Hull in 1941 Tarran, as chief A.R.P. warden, was worried because there was no organised evacuation of women and children.

Thousands would trudge to outlying villages in search of a night's rest.

Tarran, disguised in coat and cap (which he normally never wore), coloured glasses, and muffler, joined the trek to the village of Bilton.

There he spent the night with several families in a pigsty. "The rats," he said, "were almost worse than the bombs."

Next morning he called up his transport manager and arranged for his lorries to run a shuttle service for the "trekkers." The authorities were indignant.

They threatened to stop his petrol. Tarran persisted. He won, as usual. Before long a proper system was organised.

On another occasion some people sheltering in a building asked Tarran for a cup of tea. He rang up his works canteen. "We've got tea, but no milk," they said.

Said Tarran, "Ring up my farm and tell them to milk a cow." The cow was duly milked in the middle of the night and the shelterers got their tea.

When commissioned by the Government early in the war to throw up defences from Spurn Head to Flamborough Head—equal to one-fourteenth of the coast of England—Tarran had to recruit 3,000 men in 10 days.

For 10 nights he interviewed 300 men every night. And he spent his Sunday mornings training them in gangs of 14 in the best methods of driving steel girders and railway lines into the beaches.

Though he never read books, Bob Tarran claimed that he could "read men." In his whole business life no applicant for a job was ever asked for a reference.

Now he looks forward to a second chance. He has a business in Perth which he hopes to run from his cell in Leeds. You can't keep people like Bob Tarran down.

## The SNAPSHOT GUILD

HANDS AT WORK



Just like a face, hands can tell a story of their owner. These, for example, bespeak quiet age and patient workmanship.

THERE'S a certain fascination and helps bring out the texture and in photographs of hands, tiny wrinkles of the skin.

Today's picture, for example, was made with a lens aperture of f/10. The shutter speed was 1/10 of a second. The photographer used a tripod to guard against camera movement, a wise precaution when ever exposures are greater than 1/25 of a second, and the model was careful not to move throughout the exposure. The possibility of such movement, however, may make it a good idea to use flash bulbs when you are able to get them.

Such a picture tells a story of quiet age, of patient workmanship. A baby's tiny fist, clutching a rattle, can tell a different story. Or a snapshot showing a carpenter's hands, skilfully planing wood.

With all such pictures, shoot as close to your subject as your camera permits. It may be, if you use a box camera, that you will have to include much detail that might better be omitted. If this is the case, the best policy is to crop the finished print carefully. Remember that the hands themselves should tell the whole story. Cropping, leaving only the hands and the materials with which they are working, makes this story emphatic.

Generally speaking, with lighting of this type a fairly long exposure will be used. This is because you will want to use a relatively small lens aperture. Such an aperture gives greater range of sharpness.

John van Guilder.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

## "Starting the New Year"

BY KEMP STARRETT



SOME PEOPLE WILL START THE NEW YEAR VERY THIRSTY AND BEAUDED... JUST SO THEY CAN SWEAR OFF ALL DECADENCE FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS.



OTHERS WILL START THIS YEAR JUST AS SOBERLY AS THEY DID LAST YEAR SO AS NOT TO BE OUT OF PRACTICE FOR NEXT YEAR.

SOME WILL PAY UP ALL THEIR BILLS... SO THEY CAN BEGIN TO COLLECT A NICE FRESH CROP OF DEBTS.



"YOU MAKE MY WORDS... THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE'LL ALL BE IN THE DOOR, HOUSE."

WE KNOW FOLKS WHO LIKE TO START A NEW YEAR WITH A PROPHECY.



LOTS OF PEOPLE LIKE TO START THE NEW YEAR FLAT... FLAT BROKE... AND FLAT ON THE FACE.



STILL OTHERS WILL BE SATISFIED IF THEY CAN MAKE A HECK OF A BACKETE BEATING THE BE-JUNIOR OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD HARDWARE WITH NO COMPLAINT FROM THE FAMILY FOR ONCE.



"AND LET ME TELL YOU..."

TO A LOT OF OTHERS IT WILL SEEM JUST LIKE LAST YEAR... AND THE YEAR BEFORE... AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT.

## Should a young wife be practical about money matters?

"Of course I'm practical about money matters... I have to be! I may not understand high finance, but I am the one who must budget the home expenditures... It's my job to stretch the dollars to feed and clothe a growing family."

"That is why I look upon my husband's Life Insurance as a joint responsibility—his and mine. If I should ever lose him, it is the children and I who would suffer without an income to replace his earnings."

"So we plan our Life Insurance together to provide an income that we agree would be necessary for me in case of need. His responsibility is to earn money... mine is to see that some of it is made available to meet the premiums as they fall due."

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## ARE YOU SURE? ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9

1. Admiral Blake, who captured Taunton for the parliamentary armies, 1644.
2. Fir or pine.
3. Musical instrument, a double bass of huge proportions.
4. Full-rigged ship.
5. Bank of England, doctors, film companies, diamonds, bankruptcy.
6. Cardiff City, 1927.
7. Size. It is the largest lake in the world.
8. Mayfly, or ephemera, which lives for about a day.
9. Civil Servants.
10. Same distance.
12. Inches.

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle:  
Across: 1. Crab apple; 6. Overdraft; 9. River; 11. Dramatic; 13. Sneers; 15. Meat; 16. Tat; 17. Ebro; 18. Dais; 19. Rondelle; 20. Tunc; 21. Arise.

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# The Novelist's Dilemma

## JOHN PUDNEY SAYS... HE HAS MY SYMPATHY

THE HILLS REMAIN, by Nicolas Powell. (Bodley Head, 7s. 6d.)

HERE is a first novel by one of them. During the war, I understand, Mr. Powell was a prisoner who escaped in Italy. He does not write about himself, about his mental or physical adventures, or about war. He writes these elements into a romantic story about an Italian mountain township.

His characters are the people of the Abruzzi, whom he knows at first hand. His hero works in a chemist's shop. His country sweetheart is a simple creature with a venomous ambition. She falls for a captain of the police, who is a small-time Fascist bigwig, and creeps into the happy ending rather sheepishly.

The background of this story of dark, sombre, sturdy people is Fascism, revolution, and war. It is a tragic background, but the people are human, tragic, and their squalor and their idealistic affairs are drawn firmly, vividly. Note this descriptive flash of the little Fascist:

"Toni Tagliacozzo was one of those men who are incapable of reading a novel or watching an entertainment without imagining themselves as the hero."

Then let him pause to gossip with the milkman. Quite casually the milkman mentions what happened to him in Syria, Poland or China. It is more blood-curdling than the story our hero has begun to write.

If he is a resolute man, he will not tear it up. His talent will make the milkman's present daily round more interesting than the milkman's true adventures in Syria, Poland or China. Are there many brave young novelists like this? I believe there are.

Blood-curdling and improbable action.

It is a fine thing to be honest, but it is also very important to be right.

No one is compelled to serve great causes unless he feels for it, but nothing is more certain than that you cannot take the lead in great causes as a half-timer.

Don't give your son money. As for as you can afford it, give him horses.

If I had my way I would write the word "insure" over the door of every cottage, and upon the blotting book of every public man, because I am convinced that by sacrifices which are inconceivably small, which are all within the power of the very poorest man in regular work, families can be secured against catastrophes which otherwise would smash them up for ever.

We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings shape us.

I was happy as a child with my toys in my nursery. I have been happier every year since I became a man.

But this interlude of school makes a sombre grey patch on the chart of my journey.

Life is a whole, and luck is a whole, and no part of them can be separated from the rest.

Maxims & Reflections of Winston Churchill, selected by Colin Coote & Denzil Batchelor, Eyre and Spottiswoode, 9s.

It is a funny, sometimes witty first novel written by an experienced hand. It would have seemed much funnier and even wittier, about two years ago.

PRELUDE TO A CERTAIN MIDNIGHT, by Gerald Kersh (Heinemann, 8s. 6d.)

THE prolific and skilful story teller Mr. Kersh sidesteps war. In this full length novel his setting is a thin slice of Bohemia between the wars.

The characters are more drab, more dreary, more picturesque than those inhabiting Mr. Kersh's war-time Ministry. They are indeed lurid as only Mr. Kersh can make them.

I know the people he means, but I have never had the luck to see them in quite the primary colours that he has.

The story centres in one of those unpleasant murders and Mr. Kersh deals with the incident expertly and faithfully.

His story moves fast and forcibly. I recommend it but not to the squeamish.

HIDDEN FACES, by Salvador Dali. (Nicholson and Watson, 10s. 6d.)

SALVADOR DALI that great draughtsman, stands head-and-shoulders above the dead-beats of the surrealist movement which he did so much to create. You may recall that he honoured London in the gay 'thirties by making a speech, clad in a diving suit. With the approach of the war years he found his mother to be dressing the windows of New York shops. Now comes this novel to tell us that he had not forgotten us.

Much of it is about us Europeans, and the war we had here. This is his long-range view of Malta after

bombardment, which is seen by an elegant character who has just tidied his hair with a gold comb, flying in an airplane at about 40,500 feet.

Below lay the mutilated city, fat whorls of smoke, like shreds of brains in brown butter, emerging from the split skulls of the big buildings, the houses with their eyes scooped out by the invisible spoons of the bombs. Here and there in the empty shell of one of those gaping orbits, the remnant of a bed stuck at a crazy angle as though the pupils of the buildings had contained carbon skeletons.

I hope that my Valletta friends, who never suffered a single incendiary, recognise the scene.

I will not labour the surreal neoromantic nature of this surfeit of writing. I would rather stress the squalor of the characters who drown in it. It is rich squalor, an elegant society of lay figures, a gilded scum, too, too full of sensibilities and too, too sadly caught in the destinies of Europe.

CRITIC John Pudney wrote the official account—"The Air Battle of Malta."

IRREGULAR ADVENTURE, by Christie Lawrence (Faber, 10s. 6d.), and TWENTY EAST OF GREENWICH, by John Lodwick. (Heinemann, 8s. 6d.)

I BRACKET these two adventure tales because they raise an age-old problem of letters. Can the writer express his own experiences best as fact or as fiction?

Both books are about Yugoslavia. Both are by young men who served there and who also possess real writing talent. Lawrence tells the true story of amazing adventures when he lived and fought with the Chetniks.

Lodwick, covering the same territory (Mitrovitsa, Nish, etc.), makes his English hero serve with the same people.

These are first-rate books. I amused myself with some conclusions.

(1) Fiction is less reticent about love: Truth more specific.

(2) Truth abhors the happy ending. Lawrence finishes in a Gestapo cell, chained, with the lights out; and we have only a publisher's blurb to tell that he has now gone up to Oxford. Fiction leaves us in no such doubt. Lodwick's hero lives in Bayswater with his ex-guerrilla heroine wife.

(3) Truth is stranger than Fiction.

Chess Problem

By W. JORGENSEN

Black: 7 pieces.

White: 10 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-R7:1. 2. P-R7:2. R-KR6:1. K-R7:2. R-KR6:1.

Skeleton Crossword

THE black squares and clue numbers, as well as the words, have to be filled in by solvers of this crossword. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

As the pattern of black squares is symmetrical, the left and right-hand sides balance and the top and bottom halves correspond. You can, therefore, fill in 12 more black squares at once in positions corresponding with those given.

Since no words of two letters are used, except in phrases, the squares of the letters in the top half must each be one in position. It will also be seen that 1 and 5 across, and 24 and 29 across, must be six-letter words.

The corresponding clue to 13 across must be 21 across.

Reasoning in this way you can construct much of the pattern before you solve the clues.

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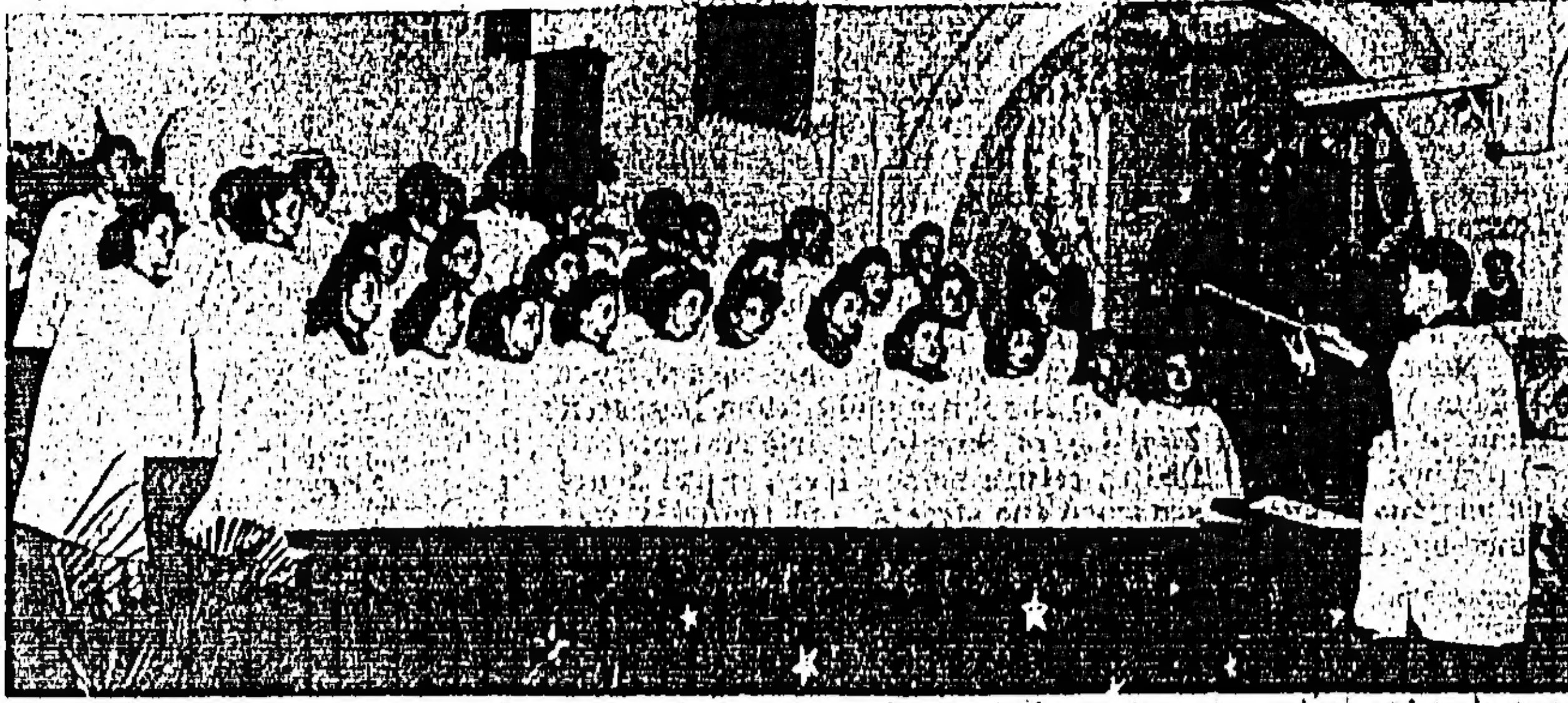
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## TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



CHRISTMAS CAROLS and the works of Schubert, Beethoven, Gluck, Chopin, Rubinstein and Gounod combined to make an excellent programme of music given by the Hop Yat Church Choir last Sunday. The conductor was Mr Au Hin-man. (Photo: Golden Studio)

A SUCCESSFUL Santa Claus Carnival was held in the Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road, last Saturday. Mr F. C. Clemo is pictured below announcing the winners of prizes. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



THE REV. CYRIL EDWARD MOXLEY, R.A.F. Chaplain, and his bride, formerly Miss Elaine Margaret Bott, after their wedding at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

DR SIU NAI-SUN, dental surgeon of the Harcourt Health Centre, and his bride, who were married at the Registry last week. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



MONSIGNOR HENRY VALTORTA, Vicar-Apostolic of Hongkong, distributing prizes at the annual speech day of St Mary's School last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



A HAPPY GROUP snapped at the Union Jack Club last week when a successful Christmas dance was held. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



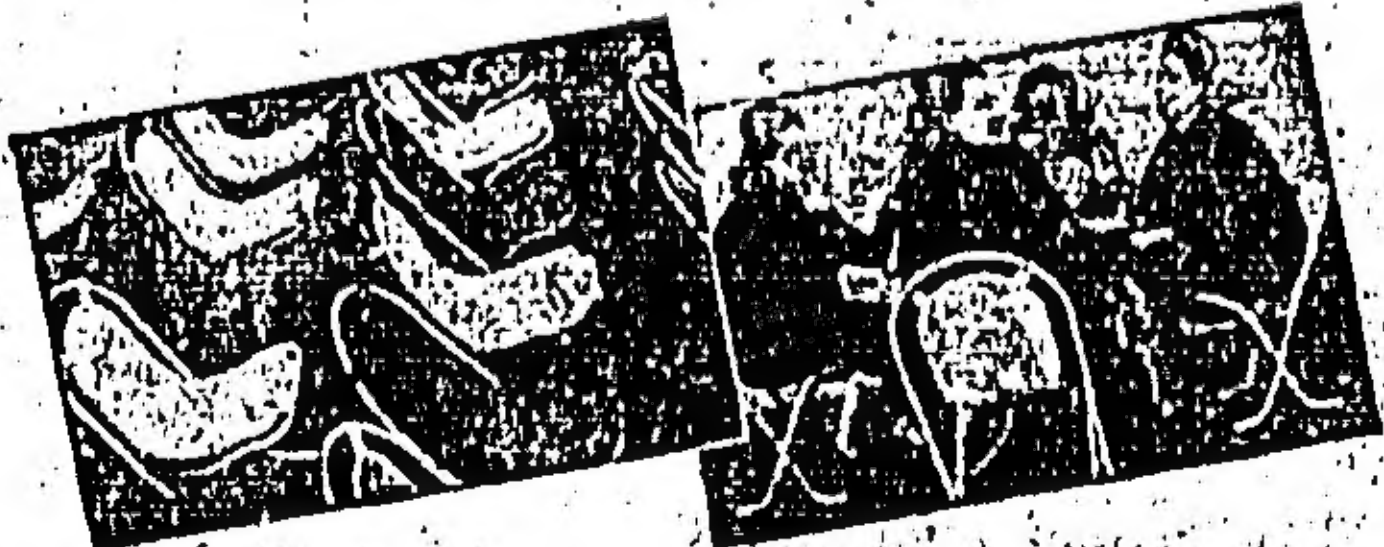
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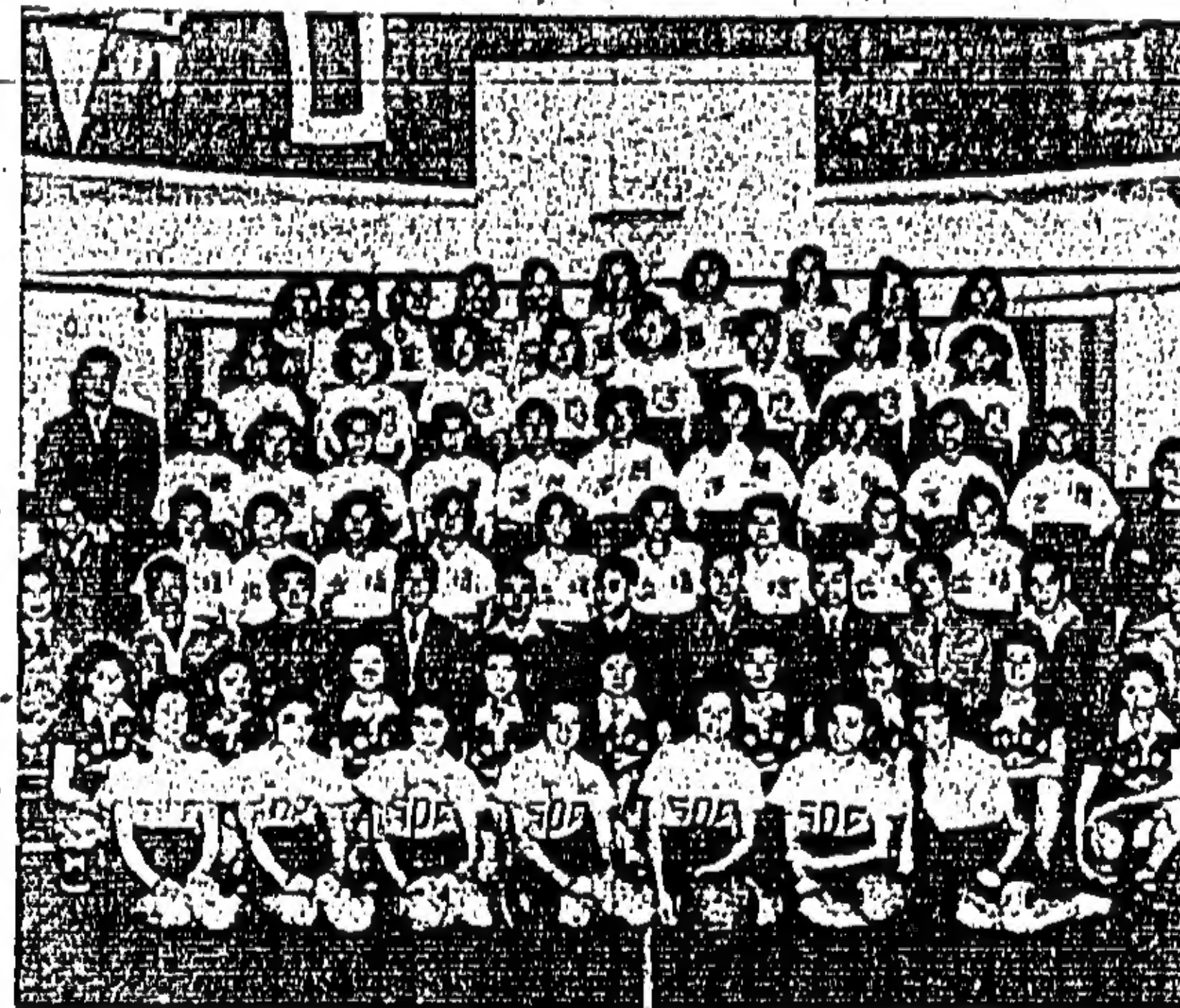
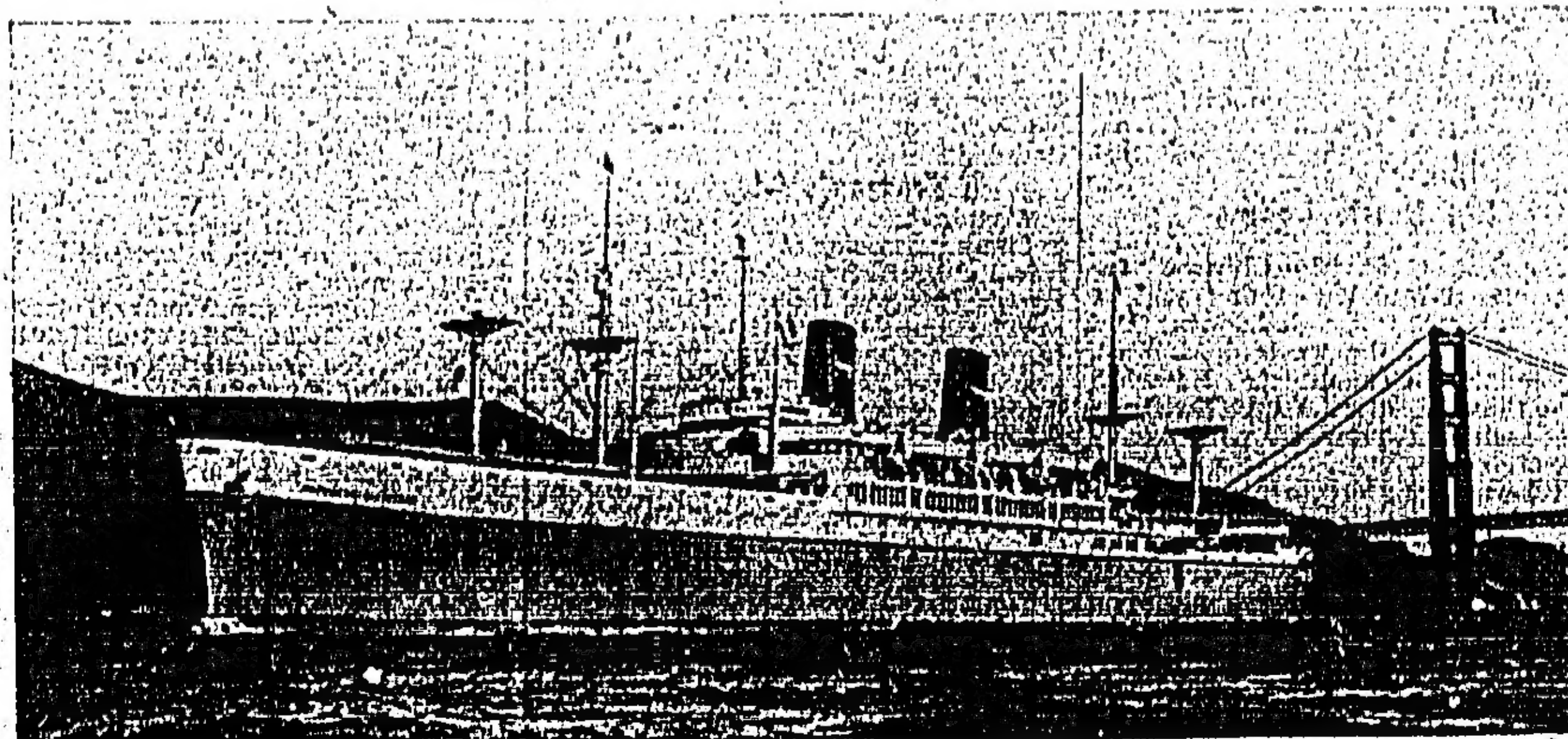


PHOTO shows part of the large crowd that attended the annual Christmas dance held at the United Services Recreation Club last Saturday. (Photo: Golden Studio)

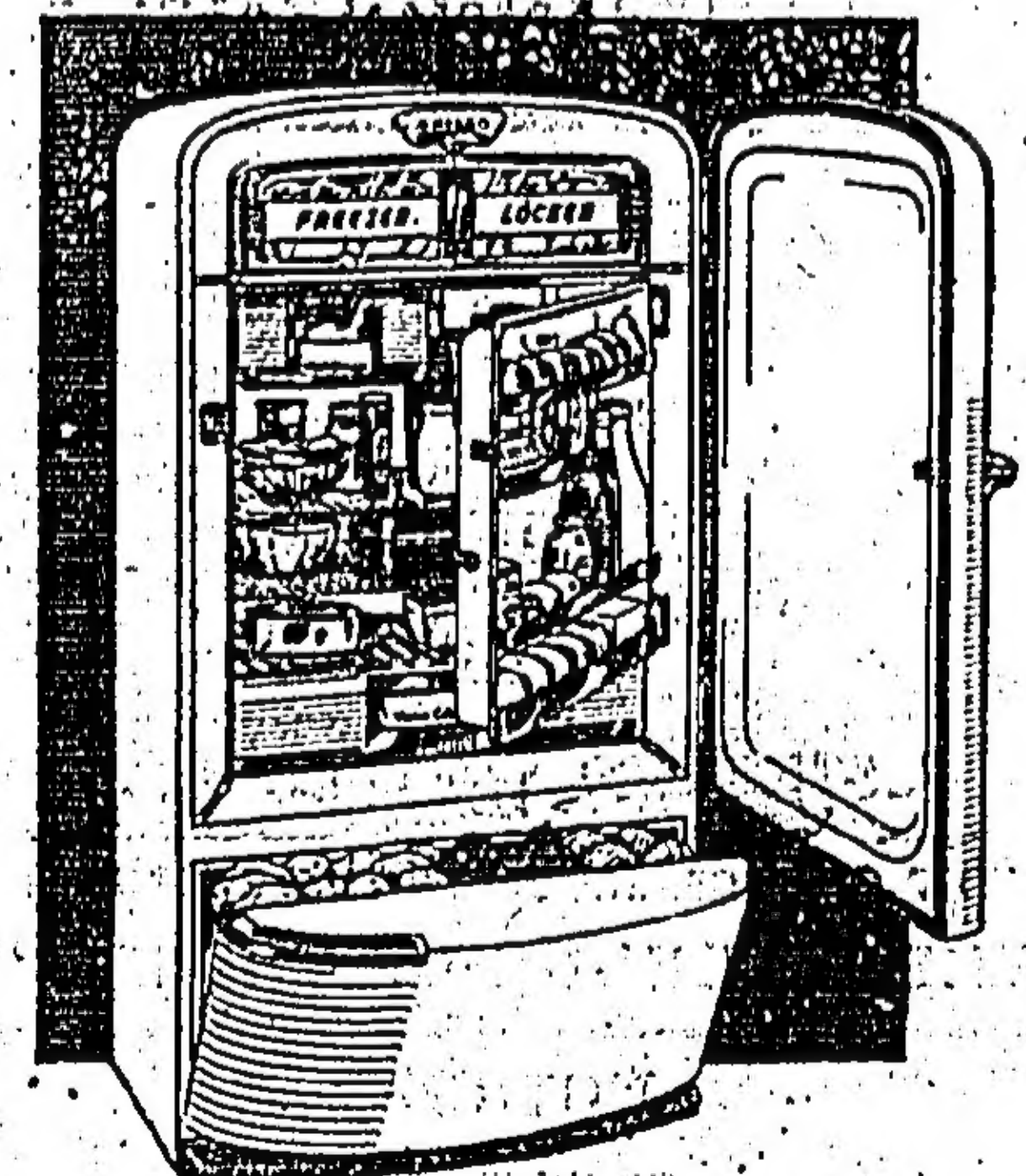
TEAMS entered in the School-girls' Basketball League organised by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. are here shown. They are (counting from front row) St Paul's, Heung Tao, officials and coaches, Pui Kiu, Lai Chak, Northcote Training School and Tao Kwan. (Photo: Golden Studio)



THE new President Cleveland, 23,500-ton pride of the American President Lines, leaves San Francisco on her maiden voyage to the Orient today. She will call regularly at Hongkong.

PHOTOGRAPH taken after the christening last Saturday at St Joseph's Church of Janina Cecilia, infant daughter of Inspector C. Reddish, of the Hongkong Police Traffic Office, and Mrs Reddish. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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## Wei Tao-ming Wants To Quit

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—Governor Wei Tao-ming of Formosa has tendered his resignation but was asked by President Chiang Kai-shek to carry on, according to a Nanking report.

Wei, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington, and Madame Wei had been under attack by Chinese tabloids as the result of which Madame Wei filed a libel suit against the Tich Pao, taking exception to its articles calling her a "super governor" and charging her with monopolising the export trade.

Governor Wei is at present visiting Nanking.—United Press.

## UNRRA TEAM BACK FROM RED CHINA

Tientsin, Dec. 25.—The entire UNRRA team of seven, composed of one Briton, one Australian, two Americans and three Soviet citizens who were exchanged for CLARA personnel, returned here yesterday evening from Communist territory.

They said they saw evidence of considerable battle along the route yesterday, with casualties from a minefield and a damaged bridge serving as mute evidence of China's civil war.

CLARA treated the UNRRA group hospitably, and the Communists extended particular precautions for the safety of the entire party during Wednesday's skirmishes which moved them deep inland and where the best premises in the village were vacated for the party.

At Tangshan, 60 miles south of Tientsin, Captain George E. Moore saw the London Mission Hospital's Dr. Milledge and the Misses Slickland and Moss, who are working under extreme difficulties but doing a splendid job and in good spirits. Captain Moore paid a great tribute to these three Britons.

Mr. Jack Dodds, of the Friends' Ambulance Unit, also arrived here, bringing a box containing the possessions of American pilot Harley Moore, who was killed in a crash some weeks ago. These included a revolver, a wrist-watch and an identification disc.—Reuter.

## PERCIVAL ON SINGAPORE

Singapore, Dec. 25.—After 18 months of agitation for the publication of the report of General A. E. Percival, former British Commander-in-Chief in Singapore, on the fall of the island in 1942, a London newspaper has published details of the despatches claiming that the surrender of the British forces were inevitable.

The War Office, however, refusing to comment on the accuracy of the report, said that the decision not to publish the despatches before early in February still stood.

The Daily Express reported that the despatches showed that the surrender of the island fortress was inevitable because "the weather man went wrong" stating that there could be no attack between December 1, 1941, and the following March during the monsoon. The attack on Malaya began on December 8.

# TYPHOON CAUSES GREAT DESTRUCTION IN MANILA

Manila, Dec. 26.—Scenes of wild destruction were witnessed this morning when a severe typhoon struck Manila, causing floods and littering streets with electric wiring and debris and flying galvanised roofing.

## Diplomat Stabbed To Death

Stockholm, Dec. 25.—The Italian Minister to Stockholm, Signor Bellardo Ricci, was assassinated in his home today by another Italian.

Signor Ricci was called from his Christmas lunch table to speak to the assassin, who stabbed him with a pair of scissors.

The assassin was reported to have "acted as if insane." His name was reported to be Giuseppe Caracci.

The murderer is reported to have told the Minister that he had an important invention to demonstrate and produced a large pair of scissors and a screw driver from his pocket.

Signor Ricci then tried to get him out of home—which is in the Legation building—through the kitchen entrance. At the door the assassin suddenly turned on the Minister and stabbed him several times in the chest with the scissors.

Killer Overpowered.—Signor Ricci called for help and Legation attendants ran to the scene but could not stop the assassin from delivering several more stabs.

The Minister, bleeding profusely, was taken to hospital, where he died.

The attendants and kitchen staff eventually overpowered the killer and handed him over to the flying squad which was summoned by telephone.

Signor Ricci, aged 55, was well-known and popular in Stockholm for his quiet, cultured manner and his devotion to his family. He was due to leave Stockholm in a few days, and his wife and two sons had already gone to Italy.

The police say that the man they hold will be tried in Stockholm after the settling of certain legal formalities arising from the fact that the Italian Legation is technically Italian territory.—Reuter.

Severe losses of merchandise stored in the port area resulted. Many warehouses are roofless or have collapsed.

With the typhoon continuing in its course around Manila Bay, the damage to shipping is not as yet assessable.

Reports from Samar state that a number of casualties have occurred almost total destruction of the coastal stretch of San Bernardino Strait.—Reuter.

Wide Damage Feared.—Manila, Dec. 26.—Winds mercilessly lashed the Manila area today, and it is feared they would leave widespread damage in their wake.

An earlier report stated that three men were adrift in the Sulu Sea and RCA said its marine station had intercepted a distress call from the motor ship Tigre. It said the vessel was driven towards the shore by wind and sea at the south seaport of Tabaco in the province of Albay.

Lloyd's registry lists a ship named Tigre as Norwegian.

The manager of the Manila Hotel estimated damage at US\$100,000. The east wing's roof was torn off, while several gapping holes appeared elsewhere. Guests on the fourth and fifth floors had to be transferred to other rooms.

There was damage everywhere, including the medical clinic and the big Christmas tree in the main lobby was blown over. Hotel employees stayed up all night helping guests who were awakened by the 2 a.m. alarm, but their task was impeded when the power failed three hours later.

The hotel's roof, which was ripped away by the storm, had been built by the United States Army to replace that destroyed in the Battle of Manila in February 1945.

Trees Uprooted.—Storm damage was severe in many places. A bookstore on Rizal Avenue, in the heart of the city, was blown down while numerous small houses suffered the same fate.

Across from the Manila Hotel, the American Army and Navy Club had its windows smashed and suffered minor damage, while roomy Wilson Building—a major business location—lost its roof.

From the United Press offices on the eighth floor of the Trade and Commerce Building, a damaged motorship could be seen, its stern sunken and bow jutting high out of the water.

No other shipping damage was reported.—United Press.

## KING BROADCASTS TO PEOPLE OF EMPIRE

London, Dec. 25.—King George VI, speaking before the microphone in his study at his country home at Sandringham, in Norfolk, this afternoon, continued the Royal habit started by his father in 1932 of broadcasting a Christmas Day message to the British Commonwealth of Nations.

At Sandringham with the Royal Family, which now includes Princess Elizabeth's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh are also Queen Mary, the Duke of Gloucester with the Duchess and their two sons, and the Duchess of Kent with her two sons.

The King was evidently thinking during most of his broadcast of Britain's and other countries' efforts to rebuild from the ruins of war when he said: "What our brethren overseas who stood alone in the defence of freedom we did not count the cost. We threw in all we had. We have now to create the fresh resources that we then poured out to and to deny ourselves while doing so. But no one remembering 1940 can doubt that we shall succeed, and no one can doubt that we are doing our best to ensure success."

"This third Christmas Day since the war ended finds us still praying that the time may soon come when true peace reaches the whole world and when all men will be working together with goodwill to rebuild what has been destroyed when everywhere fear will have given place to trust."

Family Festival.—"Our prayers would be lost if we had already forgotten to be thankful for our deliverance from the greatest peril that ever threatened our beloved land."

"Christmas is a family festival and the hearts of those of us who are spending it at home go out to those who cannot do so, and especially to those still called on to serve overseas in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force."

The King, who spoke through a golden microphone, was alone in his study. The other members of the family, party listened to the broadcast through an ordinary receiving set in the drawing room.

After the broadcast the King, with Queen Elizabeth and the rest of the Royal Family went into the ballroom of Sandringham House to distribute Christmas gifts to servants and workers on the royal estates.—Reuter.

Truman's Message.—Washington, Dec. 24.—President Truman, speaking at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the White House grounds today, said: "The great heart of the American people has been moved to compassion by the needs of those in other lands who are cold and hungry."

Saying that the "first Christmas" Truman went on: "For many of our brethren in Europe and Asia this, too, will be a homeless Christmas."

"There can be little happiness for those who will keep another Christmas in poverty and exile, in separation from loved ones."

"As we prepare to celebrate our Christmas this year in a land of plenty, we would be heartless, indeed, if we were indifferent to the plight of the less fortunate people overseas."

"In extending aid to our less fortunate brothers, we are developing in their hearts the return of hope. Because of our efforts, the people of other lands see the advent of a new day in which they can lead lives free from the harrowing fear of starvation and want."

"With the return of hope to these peoples will come a renewed faith in the dignity of the individual and the brotherhood of man."—Reuter.

## MAN SHOT AT RUGBY MATCH

Oldham, Lancashire, Dec. 25.—A spectator at the Oldham versus Swinton rugby match here today was shot through the right knee and collapsed.

The police broadcast to the 15,000 spectators anyone who had a gun to report but nobody did. The spent bullet was found where the spectator had been standing. His condition is not serious.—Reuter.

## Young Boy Strangled In London Air Raid Shelter

London, Dec. 25.—Flying squad cars of the Metropolitan Police here are searching north London today for a man in connection with the death of eight-year-old Ronald James Varley, whose body was found last night in a disused air raid shelter only 200 metres from his home in Holloway.

The boy had apparently been strangled. The man was understood to have been playing with the children in the neighbourhood last night.

Ronald was sent out on an errand for his father, Fred William Varley, who works at the Springfield Atom Research Plant of the British Ministry of Supply, near Preston.

When the boy failed to return home after several hours his anxious relatives searched the streets, and the body was found by the boy's uncle.—Reuter.

## Arabs & Jews Battle On Christmas Day

Jerusalem, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was a day of terror and death in the Holy Land. Arabs and Jews engaged in bitter battling, raiding and sniping in many sectors of Palestine, including areas hitherto unaffected.

At least 20 Arabs and six Jews have been killed in clashes since midnight last night. There were indications that the underground Jewish organization Irgun Zvai Leumi and the extremist Stern Gang and joined forces in "punitive" operations all along the 180-mile coastal belt.

While Jerusalem and Bethlehem were quietly observing the birthday of the Prince of Peace with traditional celebrations, Arabs and Jews met in bloody clashes at Haifa, Beithlehem and the No Man's Land between Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa.

Seventeen Arabs and four Jews were killed in the Haifa area. Arab snipers, in a bid to cut off Jewish supplies moving north, were met with retaliation by Hagannah "shock troops."

Hagannah claimed to have mopped up Arab positions in Wadi Rushmiah, the famous "Robbers' Valley" near Haifa—in an engagement that lasted four hours.

Skirmishes developed into a full-dress battle, with Hagannah members using hand grenades. British military police riding in armoured cars rushed into the area and forced the Jews to withdraw and then engaged the Arab snipers.

During the battle, Haifa was completely isolated, since the Wadi is on the main arterial highway. Trucks from Syria and Lebanon waited in Acre, 15 miles to the north, then returned to the border. Transport from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was similarly blocked.

No traffic could emerge from Haifa itself while the battle raged.—United Press.

Bethlehem An Armed Camp.—Bethlehem, Dec. 25.—Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Prince of Peace, became an armed camp early today as more than 4,000 British soldiers, their weapons bristling, thronged the holiest place in Christendom to attend Christmas Mass in Saint Catherine's Church and visit the grotto, the traditional site of the Nativity.

Only a few Christian Arabs made the perilous journey to Bethlehem through the mountains which have become the haunts of murderous bands of Jews.

The massed thousands of a year ago were conspicuously absent from the manger square in front of the church.

Riflemen in emplacements on the roof, overlooked the square where armoured cars and several thousand British soldiers with Sten guns, rifles and pistols, moved under the stars.

Greek Reds Set Up Government.—Athens, Dec. 24.—The Greek Government tonight notified the United Nations Secretariat at Lake Success and the United States representatives here that Greek guerrillas had set up a government headed by General Markos, the guerrilla leader, in the northern mountains.

The Foreign Minister, M. Constantinos Trikoupi, said the question of bringing the matter formally before the United Nations rested with the U.N. Balkan Commission.

The formation of the new government was announced by the guerrillas' radio and intercepted by Greek army signals.

M. Trikoupi, general secretary of the EAM (left wing federation) and the Minister of Justice in the guerrilla government broadcast that General Markos would develop "especially friendly relations with the Soviet Union and the Balkan democracies."

He added that General Markos had been compelled to set up the government "because of British and American imperialism in Greece."—Reuter.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than ordinary mail. If mail is sent before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 8 p.m. on previous day.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27  
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## CHURCH NOTICES

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. John's Cathedral (Garden Road)

25th December, 1947. 1st Sunday after Christmas.  
Holy Communion 8 a.m. 9 a.m. (sung)  
Noon & 7.30 p.m.  
10 a.m. Children's Service.  
11 a.m. Matins & Sermon—Preacher, The Rev. Canon E. W. L. Martin.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon—Preacher, The Rev. G. Hatt Lipscomb, B.A.

Thursday—Holy Communion in Cantonese 8 a.m.  
Friday—Matins & Litany at 7.30 a.m. Choir practice at 5.30 p.m.  
Daily—Matins at 7.30 a.m. & Evensong at 8.15 p.m. (sung).  
Bunglow "A" Stanley, Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Nathan Road, Kowloon)  
25th Dec. 1947. 1st Sunday after Christmas.  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Sunday School.  
11 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

CHRIST CHURCH, Kowloon Tong.  
25th Dec. 1947. 1st Sunday after Christmas.  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
8 a.m. Children's Service.  
10 a.m. Matins & Sermon—Preacher, The Vicar.

STANLEY GARRISON CHURCH (25th Dec. 1947. 1st Sunday after Christmas).  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Sunday School.  
11 a.m. Matins & Sermon.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (Wellington Barracks).  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Morning Service.  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
Daily Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

UNION CHURCH.  
On Sunday, 25th December, at 10.30 a.m. in the Garden School, Garden Road, Preacher, the Rev. J. M. Curry, B.N. Sunday School at 10.30 a.m. in the Garden School. At 5.30 p.m. there will be a United Free Churches Service in the Methodist Church, Queen's Rd. E.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH (Queen's Road East, opposite Royal Naval Hospital).  
Church Notices.  
Sunday, Dec. 28, 1947.  
10.30 a.m. Broadcast Service, Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach.  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach.  
Followed by a Short Service conducted by Rev. G. Barker at 8 & 8.15 Home.  
Wednesday, 31st December.  
New Year's Eve Party, 8.15 p.m. Home followed by Watch Night Service.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST (31, Macdonnell Road).  
Scientist.  
(A branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass.)  
Sunday Service: 11.15 a.m.  
The subject of the Christmas Sermon in the Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday Dec. 28, is: "Christmas Science."  
The Golden Text: Isaiah 40:5, 6, 7, 8. The story of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.  
Responsive Reading: John 1:1-9, 12, 16, 18, 22.  
Wednesday Testimony Meeting 8.00 p.m.  
Reading Room open on week-days from 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Fridays, 2.30 p.m.—5.00 p.m. at Church Building, 31 Macdonnell Road. All are welcome.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (218 Nathan Road Kowloon).  
Christmas Day, Morning Service: 11.00 a.m. (sung).  
Preacher, Dr. Lechmere Clift.  
Sunday (Dec. 28) 11.30 a.m. Service, Preacher, Dr. Lechmere Clift.  
Sunday School, 3.30 p.m.  
Sunday Evensong, 8.00 p.m. Preacher, Rev. H. H. Knight, (New Zealand) China Inland Mission.  
Tuesday, 10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Circle, at 12 Chatham Road, Kowloon.  
Wednesday, Song Service, and Fellowship Meeting, 8.00 p.m. Bible Study Class for men, conducted by Mr. J. H. Findley, A.S.I.  
Friday, 8.15 p.m. Lecture on Genesis by Dr. Clift.

GOSPEL HALL (Duddell Street, Hongkong).  
(Between the Bank of China and the National City Bank, off New York).  
Sunday 11 a.m. Breaking of Bread, (for Believers only).  
Sunday 8 p.m. Gospel Meeting.  
Tuesday 8 p.m. Bible Study.  
Thursday 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.  
All English speaking friends are welcome.

UNITED FREE CHURCH SERVICES are held in the HILLWOOD ROAD, KOWLOON (off Nathan Rd.) EACH SUNDAY NIGHT AT SIX O'CLOCK.  
PREACHER—Rev. A. B. Preece-James, B.D.  
A special invitation is given to all members of the "Services" Forces to attend the services, which are organized under the auspices of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregationalist Union Chaplaincy Board. All friends are warmly welcomed.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES  
M/S. "FERMOORE"  
Consignees are advised that survey of damaged packages will be held on the premises of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where they will be examined in the presence of consignees by Messrs Anderson & Co. at 10 a.m. Saturday, the 27th instant. For full details storage expires on 30th December, 1947.

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NOTICE  
ZETLAND HALL TRUSTEES  
The Trustees regret that the cocktail party arranged for the 27th December, is unavoidably postponed to Saturday, 10th January, 1948, at King's Building, Top Floor, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., as before.

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.00, 7.20 & 9.40 p.m.

**MAJESTIC**

**The Yearling**  
starring  
**GREGORY PECK**  
**JANE WYMAN**  
IN TECHNICOLOR  
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NEXT CHANGE, SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!  
"THE BEGINNING OF THE END"

## NOTICE

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB REGATTA

Revised Boat Routine

Friday, Saturday and Sunday			
Leave Kowloon	9.30a.	Queen's Pier	9.40a.
	10.00a.		10.10a.
	1.50p.		2.00p.
Leave Club	6.00p.		
	6.30p.		

Sunday, additional boats			
Leave Kowloon	4.20p.	Queen's Pier	4.30p.
	8.20p.		8.30p.
Leave Club	7.30p.		
	8.00p.		
	8.30p.		

F. S. COOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.